



# St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

## Announcements

### December 11, 2016

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**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: Kericho - (Kenya)*

*Diocesan Cycle: The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee*

*Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.*

*Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: All Saints, Sherbourne Street, Toronto, its social work programming, its drop-in centre, its program for women involved in the sex trade, its housing advocacy and community agency connections, and its bread-making program; and for All Saints, Whitby, its Deacon's Food Cupboard, Christmas outreach ministries, and North House Transitional Housing.*

*Parish Prayer Cycle: Heather Ballon, Carolyn Barrett, Sevda Basarir, Matthew Beesley*

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**Today at 4 pm** there will be an Advent Evening Prayer featuring J.S. Bach *Cantata 140, Wachet Auf* - (Sleepers, Wake). Rachel Khrem - soprano, Jenny Cohen – alto, Robin Davis - tenor, Geoffrey Sangwine – baritone, David Smith – organ. We hope you will join us.

**The Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas** will take place on Sunday, December 18 at 4 pm. A festive reception with mulled wine and other treats will follow. Please invite family, friends and neighbours to join us for one of the most beautiful services in the year.

**Advent Study Part 2:** The Birth Narrative in St Luke's Gospel  
Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 pm, followed by Compline.

## **New Parish Newsletter**

We are planning to publish a new parish newsletter with the first issue planned for Lent/Easter 2017. Peggy Needham has agreed to be the Editor to gather articles, etc., but we also need someone to assist her to oversee the production. If you would like to assist with this project please speak with Peggy or Fr Geoffrey. We are also looking for a new name for the newsletter and welcome suggestions.

## **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](mailto:w.isaac@sympatico.ca) Thanks, Winston

## **2017 Calendars for Sale**

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

## **Become Part Of The Advent Conspiracy!**

The concept is simple: This year, buy one fewer gifts for Christmas. Give that money towards a living gift: clean water! Join a national movement to reclaim Christmas and ensure everyone in Canada has access to clean water.

1. Find a small flyer in the back of the church that gives you more information about Pikangikum and the Advent Conspiracy.
2. You can check out <http://pwrdf.org/our-work/advent-conspiracy/> to find out more about Pikangikum and how to make a gift through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. PWRDF is featuring Pikangikum this year.

**Keepers of the Water** – This popular and 5<sup>th</sup> annual Vigil of Lament and Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at The Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto. It will be led by our newly consecrated Bishop of Trent-Durham, Riscylla Walsh Shaw, who is of Metis descent. This event is co-sponsored by The Urban Native Ministry and The Diocese of Toronto.

## **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.

## **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

### **Today: Third Sunday of Advent**

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Evensong 4 pm

### **Wednesday, December 14:** John of the Cross

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

### **Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist celebrated from

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

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

## **COMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Advent 4:** Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30 & 10:30 am

Lessons & Carols 4 pm

**Christmas Eve:** Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 10 pm

**Christmas Day:** Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Feast of the Epiphany:** Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 & 10:30 am

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### *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

### **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – City Choir Xmas Concert**

City Choir will be performing their Xmas Concert on Tuesday December 13th at 7pm. The cost is your free will offering in appreciation for a wonderful few hours of music. There will also be a bake sale & crafts table.

### **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 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**

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

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, 10:30 am**

Sung Eucharist with Carols

**Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 1, 8:30 and 10:30 am**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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**Services**

1st Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

2nd Sunday – Choral Matins

3rd Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

4th Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Contemporary)

Sunday Evensong – As Announced

Last Tuesday of the Month – Candlelight Evening Prayer

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