



# St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

## Announcements

February 19, 2017

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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: Mahajanga - (Indian Ocean)*

*Diocesan Cycle: FaithWorks*

*Colin, Archbishop. Kevin, Bishop.*

*Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Grace-Church-on-the-Hill, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill Foodbank, The Bridge Prison Ministry, and donations toward international emergency response and development, prison ministry, and food security organizations; and for Holy Trinity, Guildwood, its food drives, pastoral care to local nursing homes, and work with local community partners on housing and poverty issues.*

*Parish Prayer Cycle: Paul & Lorraine Faulkner, Ena Forde, Alice H. Fox, Paul Freeman*

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**Altar Flowers & Chart:** A chart has been put on the outside wall between the doors leading to the Parish Hall. It shows names of those who have committed to donate altar flowers and the date. If you wish to donate flowers please see Barbara Towe at Church or phone her at (905) 294-7588. Please DO NOT write directly on chart. Thanks.

**Our Facebook & YouTube Page** St Peter & St Simon's now has a very active and interesting YouTube and Facebook page, maintained by Brooke Sales-Lee. It's a great way to keep up with activities and ideas between one Sunday and the next. St Peter and St Simon's has a 20s/30s group! The Opportunities Committee is a great and easy way to get more involved and see what's coming up. Have an idea for a great opportunity? See room for improvement? Did you know you don't need to have a Facebook account to view the church's Facebook page and events? The page, its photos, and events are all publicly available and can be found at: [facebook.com/stpeterstsimons](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterstsimons) Comments? Questions? We now have a suggestion box at the back of the church! Leave us your thoughts for consideration, and help make SPSS a reflection of its people.

## **From Fr Geoffrey...**

February is Black History Month. Today we are honouring that celebration, especially the extraordinary and faithful witness of Christians with African heritage who have been down through the years and are today, faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. St Peter's and St Simon's is blessed to be a diverse community with a large group of parishioners of black heritage. Today our preacher is Winston Isaac. Winston is no stranger here! He has been a parishioner for over 40 years contributing much to our parish life as Warden and reader, as a man of wisdom with a deep love for God. Winston taught at Ryerson University for many years and in his retirement continues to be active as a teacher an advocate for men's health and a much respected member of this community. Thank you Winston for addressing us today. GNS+

## **Lenten Study Series: Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life**

Monday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 to 8:30 pm – Study Session

This series is based on the 2016 book on discipleship by Rowan Williams who served as the 104<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 – 2012 and is now Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

## ***Coffee and Conversation:***

### ***An Informal Discussion about the Readings of the Day.***

Sundays in Lent from 9:45 – 10:15 am in the Lounge.

*This is a chance for parishioners to share ideas, thoughts and questions about the lectionary readings. (Facilitated by Fr Geoff)*

## **A Lenten Meditation: Music, Readings and Prayers for the Season of Lent**

Denise Williams, Soprano/David Smith, Organ & Piano

Sunday, March 12, 4:00 pm

## ***“Strengthening our Prayers”***

A workshop for Parish Intercessors and others interested in learning more about the Prayers of the People.

Led by the Reverend Dr John Hill and Diane Marshall

**Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle**

**525 Bloor Street East, Toronto, ON**

***“Lord, teach us to pray”***



## **THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON**

### **Today: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

### **Wednesday, February 22: Feria**

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

### **Sunday, February 26: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing (Contemporary)

12 noon Annual Vestry Meeting

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

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### **Wednesday, February 22: Truth and Reconciliation** *Lacey Hill Topic: "A Soulful Night of*

*Word and Song"* Lacey Hill is a leading Indigenous folk and blues singer-songwriter, who speaks widely on issues related to education and creative empowerment. Lacey Hill was born and raised on Six Nations of The Grand River Reserve in Southern Ontario. Join us for a soulful night of word and song. 6:00pm Service of Light & Evening Prayer

6:30pm Refreshments | 7:00pm Public Show and Presentation, followed by Q&A

### **Sunday, February 26: The Church of St. Stephen Black History Month Service**

We are delighted to inform you of our upcoming service. We will be hosting this auspicious service and invite you to save the date and come celebrate with us. This service is dedicated to the commemoration and celebration of the black history of our culture within our Diocesan churches. You will be privy to preacher, special music and performances.

### **Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday**

Services with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 11am & 7pm

### **Saturday, March 4: World Day of Prayer**

10:30 a.m. Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Drive. The Church has an elevator for people using wheelchairs and/or walkers. Please contact *Sheila Thomas 416-921-2593*

### **Intercessors Workshop**

At 9:30am – 12:30pm led by Diane Marshall

**Sunday, March 5: Pancake Lunch – Yes!!** We are having a **Pancake Brunch at 11:30 am**. What a great way to celebrate the beginning of Lent with Fellowship and Food. (Sunday was chosen as a better day for all than Shrove Tuesday). We are grateful for all the volunteers. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church if this is an event you can help with. This is pay as you can, so expect to be there!! **See you then!!** *The Hospitality Group*  
**Celebration of New Ministry** service for The Reverend Jeanette Lewis will be at St Barnabas 4pm.

### **Saturday, April 1: York-Scarborough Parish Leadership Workshop 2017**

Please visit Diocese of Toronto website <http://www.toronto.anglican.ca> for more details.

### **Saturday, May 13: Spring Sale**

More details to follow. Two people required to convene and volunteers to help run.

**The Annual Vestry Meeting:** Sun Feb 26, 2017. The Vestry list is posted in the parish hall on the bulletin board. Please check that your name is entered. In order to vote, you must be 16 years old and must have been a full communicant member of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle for a minimum of three months. The Anglican Church of Canada requires that a communicant member be a parishioner at one church only, and voting at only one Vestry. If your name is missing from the list, please write your name on the list in the parish hall or email office@stsimons.ca. You can also speak to the members of the parish tribunal: the Wardens, the Rector and the elected members Ted Robinson and Colin Bird.

**Church School** As we seek to be more welcoming to families with young children and to nurture their spiritual lives the time has come for us to re-launch our parish Church School. Are you interested in being part of a renewed Church School in our parish as a teacher or mentor? Please speak with Nadine Milne, Fr Geoff or one of the Wardens.

**Help!** The new parish of St Peter & St Simon-the-Apostle needs a person or persons with marketing and/or brand and website development skills, who are willing to be part of a team to help renew and modernize the existing St Simon's website. The quality of our website is very important in attracting new members to visit our church. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Geoff, or one of the churchwardens.

**Refugee Resettlement Project:** The Federal Government has not yet given AURA its quota of refugees for 2017. However, we were assured that the case for Mohammed's father appears to be quite strong. AURA will be working with Mohammed to develop the case in the next few weeks, and then submit it to the Federal Government, assuming that they are given some spaces this year. We were informed that Mohammed's sister cannot be included in the application since she is over 18. It is possible that his mother can be included as a dependent of his father, even though she has remained in Iraq so far. The process of application, approval and eventual arrival in Canada may take months or even years. Let us continue to pray for the safe arrival of Mohammed's father and mother here in Canada.

*Ted Robinson for the Refugee Committee*

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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

8:30 am Service

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Traditional)

**Parish Priest** The Rev'd Geoffrey Sangwine, *ext 202*;  
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