



St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

January 29, 2017

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: Lichfield, UK

Diocesan Cycle: Bishop Kevin Robertson

Colin, Archbishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale, Toronto, its work in the Hope Community Garden, and its social justice, advocacy, and environmental initiatives; and for the Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth, its Thursday community lunch, and its Saturday Family Market, which sells used clothing and supports local social service agencies and schools.

Parish Prayer Cycle: S. Chester & A. Tharyan, Greta Chevannes-Richardson, Jim Colling, David R. Corbett

Name Tags are available in the lobby of the Church. Please wear yours.

Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon

Please email office@stsimons.ca to submit announcements.

New Parish Newsletter

We are planning 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. Name suggestion deadline is February 10th

Welcome Fr Chris

As a Plains Cree and an Anglican priest, the Reverend Chris Harper says he “walks in two worlds”. On September 1, 2016 Fr Chris became the Indigenous Native Priest of the Diocese of Toronto. Born in Saskatchewan and raised there and in Alberta, he has held a variety of jobs, including emergency medical technician and head of Emergency Medical Services at Onion Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. A lifelong Anglican and the son of a residential school survivor, he studied at James Settee College in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, earning a Certificate of Indigenous Anglican Theology, before going to Wycliffe College. He was ordained a deacon at St. Thomas’, Huron Street in Toronto in 2005 and priest at St. Alban’s Cathedral in Prince Albert later that year. Before becoming the rector of St. Michael and All Angels in Thunder Bay, where he served for four years, Chris was the rector of a multi-point parish in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, where he was also the Warden of Lay Readers.

The City of Toronto has one of the largest Indigenous communities in Canada, with an estimated 60,000 people. The diocese also includes Alderville First Nation at Rice Lake and Curve Lake First Nation, north of Peterborough. He says, “Because of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its work and the life stories that were shared, we’re at a watershed moment. We have a chance to be blessed and to grow and share in healing. Please pray for healing, peace, respect and understanding, for true and open conversation, and for mutual blessing.” As Indigenous Native priest, Chris ministers inside and outside the Church, on the streets and in homes, in hospitals and prisons, to anybody in need. We are delighted that Fr Chris is with us this morning as our preacher and we pray God’s continued blessing on his ministry. Please join us at coffee hour, a chance to meet Chris and each other.

Spiritual Development & Education

A Light to Lighten the Gentiles: The Apostle Paul and His Work

We are saddened that the Reverend Dr John Hurd has taken ill in hospital and is unable to be with us for this series; however, we are carrying on and yesterday we were fortunate to have the Reverend Dr John Stephenson with us. John a scholar and theologian is a recently retired priest of the diocese having served most recently as the Incumbent at St Timothy’s Agincourt. John led our discussion on St Paul and the Epistle to the Philippians that we started on January 21st. **We will have the last of this three part series on Saturday, February 4th – 9:30 am coffee/10 am - Morning Prayer followed by the study session.** A light lunch will also be served. Fr Geoff and Fr Greg from St Jude’s, Wexford will lead the session. Geroffrey+

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

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON

Today: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Tuesday January 31: Candlelight Evening Prayer Service 6 pm

Wednesday, February 1: Eve of the Presentation of the Lord

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

Saturday, February 4 – St Paul's Study 10 am

Sunday, February 5: Fifth 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 (Traditional)

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.

Friday, March 3: World Day of Prayer

Please note that a World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 3, 2107 at Rosedale United Church. Further details will be forthcoming.

Sunday, March 5: Pancake Lunch – more details to follow.

Celebration of New Ministry service for The Reverend Jeanette Lewis will be at St Barnabas 4pm.

Saturday, May 13: Spring Sale

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

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 & St Simon's has a 20s/30s group! Our first meeting will be at The House on Parliament on Monday, January 30 at 7pm. Pop down the street a short way from SPSS for drinks, munchies, and conversation. In this first meeting of the year, we will come up with ideas for future events and get a sense of where interests lay for the under-40 crowd at SPSS and around the diocese. 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 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.

Refugee Sponsorship

Refugee Resettlement Project: Mohammed Al-Bayati, the 28 year old Iraqi whom we sponsored last year, has now been with us for nearly five months. He is continuing to improve his English language skills by attending classes several times a week. He has recently been hired by Loblaws and started regular work shifts during the holidays. Thanks to Laurie Sanderson and Barb Alexander for helping him find this job. Mohammed hopes eventually to be able to use his engineering background in Canada and become licensed as an engineer here. In late November 2016 we met with Mohammed and Ian McBride, Director of AURA, to look into the possibility of sponsoring his father, mother and sister and bringing them to Canada. As is often the case, we anticipate that the process will take quite some time. In late January we plan to meet with AURA officials to begin the process. Please pray for Mohammed and his family, that they may be reunited here in Canada. The Committee will keep the Parish up to date on developments as they occur.

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

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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

1st - 5th Sunday (Traditional)

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