



St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle

Announcements

November 27, 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: Diocese of Kansas in The Episcopal Church

Diocesan Cycle: St James Cathedral

Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Advocacy Program of our companion diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa, its work on labour relations issues in disadvantaged communities;

and for All Saints Collingwood, its community Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation gatherings, monthly Friendship Dinner, support of the local foodbank, and the work of its Green Team in reducing energy consumption.

Parish Prayer Cycle: Egbert Allen, Meta Alleyne, Joe Ambrose, Mary Anderson

On this First Sunday of Advent we begin a new Church year. In Advent we look back to God's coming among us in the incarnation, ahead to his coming at the end of the ages when he shall gather up all things in Christ, and we open our hearts to his presence in us now. Advent is a time for us to be renewed in our Christian pilgrimage so we begin the service today by lighting the wreath and with the traditional custom of praying the Great Litany in procession. The Litany was the first part of the liturgy to be written in English. It was the custom for processions to travel through the streets of towns and villages in prayer for the faithful and the community. As we process through the Church today we pray for our needs, the needs of the world and for God's blessing on our parish community. Please join us for the service of Advent Lessons and Carols today at 4 pm.

Geoffrey

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: First Sunday of Advent

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Lessons & Carols 4 pm

Tuesday November 29: Candlelight Evening Prayer Service 6pm

Wednesday, November 30: Saint Andrew the Apostle

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

Sunday, December 4 – Second 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 6pm

COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Advent 2: Sunday, December 4th 10:30 am

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 10:30 am

Evensong 4 pm

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

Lessons & Carols 4 pm

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

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.

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

Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon, please email office@stsimons.ca

2017 Calendars for Sale

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

Our Facebook & YouTube Page

St. Peter & St. Simon's now has a very active and interesting 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. For those who ordered DVD's of our final service at 188 Carlton be advised that they should be available next Sunday from Rev Jeanette. Also be advised that, thanks to Brooke, it is also available on YouTube.

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.

The Refugee Committee

Christmas Flower Donation

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Christmas please use the enveloped found in the pews include the particular memorial and/or thanksgiving you would like acknowledged.

Wednesday November 30th – World Aids Day Service

We will be hosting an interdenominational service marking World Aids Day. There will be light refreshments served at 5:30pm with the service beginning at 6 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted for McEwan House.