



# St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

## Announcements

March 5, 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.

**Pancake Lunch Today** after the 10:30 a.m. service.

**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: Mandalay - (Myanmar)*

*Diocesan Cycle: Eglinton Deanery*

*Colin, Archbishop. Kevin, Bishop.*

*Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Church of the Incarnation, its support of local foodbanks, the North Yorkers for Disabled Persons group home, Flemingdon Park Ministry, the Pikangikum Water Project, monthly seniors lunch, and community garden; and for the Jeremiah Community, Parkdale, its ministry of friendship and hospitality to its street-involved neighbours, outreach with the Capuchin Brothers at the St Clare Centre, partnership with the Dale Ministries, involvement with the Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, and education programming.*

*Parish Prayer Cycle: Dennis Gittens, Beryl Gollop, W.C. Graham, Charlotte Graham*

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**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.

**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. 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://facebook.com/stpeterstsimons)*

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

As our Lenten journey begins we are reminded about the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, penitence, self-examination, fasting, almsgiving and mediating on scripture. In keeping with an old custom we begin the service with the Great Litany in procession. The Litany is the first part of the English liturgy to have been written and prayed in the vernacular. The custom was to process through the streets of villages and towns praying for the Church, the world and the welfare of God's people. We follow this custom symbolically by processing through the Church in prayer and asking for God's blessings upon us and the whole community. May this Lent be a time of renewal and refreshment for you.

For the past few months the Reverend Jennifer Matthews has been attending St Peter and St Simon's. Jennifer is a retired priest of the diocese living in Toronto. She served as St Margaret's in the Pines, St John's, Whitby, St Mathias, Etobicoke, and most recently at St John's, Norway. We are delighted that Jennifer is with us and will assist in our liturgy.

Today our Church School is starting up again – this is great news for the parish! Children going to Church School are asked to gather at the font before the service with Nadine Milne before heading downstairs. They will return at the time of Communion. 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. The books are \$10 each, and complementary copies are available if need be. Please speak with Ted Robinson or Fr. Geoff.

## **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) We need a volunteer to make coffee!*

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

### **Today: First Sunday in Lent**

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Pancake Brunch at 11:30 am

### **Wednesday, March 8: Lenten Feria**

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

### **Sunday, March 12: Second Sunday in Lent**

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

10:30 am Choral Matins

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

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## **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

### **Saturday, March 25: Saturday Night at the Movies**

6 p.m. pizza dinner & film: *Amazing Grace*

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

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

### **Sunday, April 2: Choir Concert presentation**

Choir Concert presentation of JS Bach's iconic St John Passion on Sunday April 2 at 4:00 p.m. The choir will be joined by orchestral musicians from the parish as well as members of the Canadian Sinfonietta and a guest tenor soloist Lenard Whiting singing the role of the Evangelist. If you would like to support this performance as a patron or memorial commemoration, we will be very grateful. Cheques should be addressed to the church with "Choir Concert Support" in the memo field. The costs to present this type of event are not insignificant, and cannot be funded out of the parish music budget. Tickets \$30/\$25 are available from choir members, in the narthex after service and at the door.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.



Reminder – The clocks spring forward one hour next  
Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>

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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)

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