



The Church of Saint-Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

September 25, 2016

Welcome to St Simon's: 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 of Prayer: The Church in Wales

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Council;

Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: St. Peter, Erindale, its Deacon's Cupboard, parish nursing initiative, and the work of its

outreach/social justice team; for St. Peter, Oshawa and its parish

food bank and cooking club; and for St. Peter, Scarborough, its work with St. Ninian's Foodbank, and its Christmas gift program with the

Scott Mission.

Parish Prayer Cycle, Rees Pepperell, Jean Ponter, Joy Quan-Lee,

Yvette Robinson

Amalgamation Update/Electoral Synod

Last week, on Sunday 18 September, St Simon's parish and St Peter's, Carleton Street each held a Special Vestry Meeting to vote on the parish amalgamation proposal. Thank you to those who were able to be with us. In spite of Bloor Street being closed to automobile traffic we had an excellent turnout for the service and the meeting. The motion to accept the proposal was passed in both parishes, unanimously at St Simon's. Looking ahead, the parish amalgamation proposal will go before Diocesan Council at their meeting on September 29th. Approval is anticipated, following which we look forward to a letter from the Archbishop confirming the name of the amalgamated parish.

On Sunday, October 2 at 10:30 am I will be at St Peter's to celebrate and preach, taking the place of their priest, Jeanette Lewis who will be on holiday. The Reverend Christopher Dangpilen will celebrate the 10:30 am service here. St Peter's final Sunday at their historic location on Carleton Street is on Sunday, October 23rd. The first service of the amalgamated parish here is planned for Sunday, October 30th at 10:30 am. We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints - Bishop Yu will preside and preach and the parish of San Lorenzo will also join us. As we look ahead with hope and anticipation there is a lot for us to do to plan for the first service and the welcome of new parishioners.

On Saturday 17 September the Synod of the diocese met to elect three new suffragan bishops. The bishops elect are: The Reverend Rysilla Walsh-Shaw (Incumbent, Christ Church, Bolton); The Reverend Canon Kevin Robertson (Incumbent, Christ Church Deep Park); The Reverend Canon Jenny Andison (Incumbent, St Clement's, Eglinton). The date of the episcopal consecration is January 7th. We await the decision of Archbishop Colin about area appointments.

Please uphold in prayer our parish, the people of St Peter's, the newly elected bishops and the future that is before us.

Geoffrey+

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today: The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Services at 8:30 & 10:30

Tuesday, September 27, 6 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, September 28, 11 am

Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing - in the Chapel

Sunday, October 2 – St. Michael and All Angels

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

Last Tuesday of the Month: Taizé Prayer Service at 6 pm.

COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Harvest Thanksgiving: Sunday, October 9th

ROTM fundraising concert: Saturday, October 15th

All Saints Festival: Sunday, November 6th

Advisory Board: Wednesday, November 16th

Our Facebook Page

Saint 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.

Name Tags are available in the lobby of the Church. Please wear yours, especially as we move towards amalgamation.

Refugee Sponsorship

We are delighted that our newcomer has arrived. Please think about whether you have any furniture and/or household items that might be of use to a new arrival. If you have any questions, speak to any member of the Refugee Committee.

2017 Calendars for Sale

Church calendars will be ordered in mid-October. The calendar features photos of churches across Canada and is perfect for gift giving. To avoid disappointment, pre-order your calendar(s) by contacting the church office (416-923-8714, ext. 201) by Monday, October 17. A limited number of calendars will also be available on Sundays during the Fall. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Altar Flowers

Each week parishioners are invited to place memorial/thanksgiving flowers on the altar. 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. Many Thanks, Barbara.

Sunday November 6 – All Saints Festival

Our patronal festival that was scheduled for Oct 30th has now been re-scheduled to Nov 6th to celebrate The Feast of All Saints. It will follow the traditional format, Choral Evensong at 4pm with dinner at 7pm and dancing with music led by the WinterGarten Orchestra. Tickets will be on sale 1st of October.

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (Micaelmas)

is on September 29th. We are invited to St. Bartholomew's, Regent Park for their Solemn Eucharist at 6:30 pm. We will transfer the feast to Sunday, October 2nd.

Reaching Out Through Music, a programme to support the music education of children in the St James Town and Regent Park Communities is hosting a fundraising concert in the Church on Saturday, October 15th at 6 pm followed by a reception in the parish hall. ROTM is looking for volunteers to assist this event, both the concert and reception. If you are able to help please speak with Spencer Higgins.