



The Church of Saint-Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

October 23, 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: Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba

Diocesan Cycle: Huronia Deanery

Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: St. Thomas à Becket, its support of SHARE Halton/Peel, the Deacon's Cupboard food bank, Open Door ecumenical centre at Square One, and other local outreach initiatives; and for St. Thomas, Brooklin, the work of the St Thomas AIDS Response Team in education and fundraising, and for its parish food cupboard and "back to work bursary".

Parish Prayer Cycle, Sergiu Stefanschi, Katherine & John Stevens, Mario Svalbe, Shanti Tamang.

Today at 10.30 am we are worshipping at St Peter's, Carleton Street as they have their last service in the historic location where they have served faithfully for 153 years. This is a huge change for the parish, and having taken the courageous step to amalgamate, it will take time to get accustomed to the new reality.

We are honored that the St Peter's community has welcomed us to join them on this poignant day. With them we celebrate their past and we look forward to a new ministry we will share together as The Church of St Peter and St Simon. Facing the future is exciting and scary at the same time because we do not ever know what is around the corner and frankly this will be an adjustment for all of us. That said, we do know about the unstoppable love of our Saviour Jesus Christ and the incredible possibilities that can come when we are faithful to him. As Paul wrote Romans, "All things work together for good for those who love God (8.28)". Trust in God's eternal promise is essential for us all.

Pope Francis, in his 2016 work "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love") has this to say about trust:

"Trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything. This freedom, which fosters independence, an openness to the world around us and to new experiences, can only enrich and expand relationships".

This is sound advice for all of us, especially for Christians as we live together into God's future. Please join us next Sunday, October 30th at 10.30 as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and our First service as the amalgamated parish. Bishop Patrick and San Lorenzo will be with us as well.

Geoffrey

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Services at 8:30 am

10:30 am at St. Peter Carlton

Tuesday, October 25, 6 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, October 26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons

11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing –
in the Chapel

Sunday, October 30 – The Feast of All Saints

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)

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

COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Feast of All Saints and first service of the amalgamated Parish:

Sunday, October 30th Bishop Yu will preside

All Souls Day Requiem Eucharist – Wednesday, November 2nd

7pm Music: Gabriel Fauré Requiem Mass

All Saints Festival Evensong: Sunday, November 6th 4pm

Advisory Board: Wednesday, November 16th 7pm

Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon

Please email office@stsimons.ca to submit announcements.

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.

2017 Calendars for Sale

A limited number of church calendars will be available on Sundays during the Fall. The calendar features photos of churches across Canada and is perfect for gift giving. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Sunday November 6th – All Saints Festival

To be held after the 4 PM Evensong at 6 PM in the parish hall at St. Peter and St. Simons. Tickets are on sale now from Laurie Sanderson. You may also call or email the Church office and ticket requests will be forwarded to Laurie. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children. If the cost is prohibitive to you please see Laurie or Fr. Geoff. We have a pay-what-you-can system so all are able come. We need your help with the following to make the evening a success: bringing appetizers, setting up tables after the 10:30 Service, serving appetizers, serving during the meal, cleaning up in the kitchen, taking down the tables in the hall and laundering the table clothes. If you can help out please let Laurie know. Hope to see you all there!

Pianos – as part of the amalgamation process with St Peters, their grand piano will be moved into the church. The grand piano in the church will be moved onto the stage. The piano in the parish hall will be replaced by the piano currently on the stage and the parish hall piano dispensed with. The grand piano in the narthex will also be dispensed with – we do not know if the piano was donated to the church by a parishioner. It is an excellent piano but in need of major repair. If anyone would like it please let me know. Other musical instruments currently not used and taking up space in/about the church will also be dispensed with when the pianos are moved. If you have any questions please speak to either Spencer or myself - Paul

Icons – currently thirty four items have been identified to be moved from St Peters to the new church as part of the amalgamation agreement. It is hoped that three of these items can be moved shortly. Two will be placed in the chapel. They include a remembrance memorial and a lectern. The third item, an altar, will be placed under the organ and the altar under the organ will be moved to the children's "chapel". Spencer is coordinating this activity working with Malcolm of St Peters. If you have any questions please speak to Spencer or myself - Paul



Reminder - clocks go back one hour on Nov 6th

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