



# St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle

## Announcements

### November 20, 2016

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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.

**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: Falkland Islands*

*Diocesan Cycle: FaithWorks*

*Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.*

**Outreach and Advocacy Cycle:** *Trinity East (Little Trinity), Toronto, its distribution of Toronto Star Christmas boxes, and its Coffee Outreach for passersby, including clients of a nearby addiction clinic; and for Trinity, Port Credit, and its program providing fruit, groceries, and skate and swim passes for children at a local school.*

**Parish Prayer Cycle:** *Gladys Worledge-Burke, Pam Young, Loxley & Marie Adams, Michael & Sara Adamson*

It is hard to believe that Advent is almost here and there is a lot going on. We are working hard to integrate our parish ministries, specifically Altar Guild, Communion Ministers, Intercessors and Readers. Our hope is to have an integrated schedule available by Advent 2. This is an important issue for our parish life moving forward and your patience is appreciated as we get this in place.

In Advent I will lead a Scripture Study on two evenings: Tuesday, December 6 and 13 at 7:30 pm. We will focus on the Incarnation, reading and discussing the Birth Narratives in St Luke and St Matthew's Gospels. Each session will conclude with Compline. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak with me. Looking ahead to the new year, I have invited the Reverend Dr. John Hurd, Retired Scripture Scholar from Trinity College, to lead us in a three-week Saturday morning Epiphany study, *The Apostle to the Gentiles: Paul and his Work*. More information about dates will be forthcoming.

Please remember that next Sunday, November 27 at 4 pm we have our annual Advent Carol Service followed by a reception in the parish hall. This is a good way to begin the new Church year and to focus on the meaning of Christ's coming among us – I hope you will join us.  
Geoffrey+

### **Sunday Bulletins**

At the Advisory Board concern was raised about the amount of paper we use each week, due to the fact that we print most of the service in full. We want to be better stewards of our resources and need to reduce printing costs which are very high, therefore we are looking at ways to adapt the bulletin format to make more use of the books in the pews. We will still work to keep the service welcoming and friendly to visitors and newcomers who may not be familiar with the liturgy. Your feedback about this is welcome.

### **An Advent Evening Prayer – Sunday, December 11, 4pm**

Featuring J.S. Bach Cantata 140 *Wachet Auf (Sleepers, Wake)*  
Soprano – Rachel Kremm/Baritone - Geoffrey Sangwine along with Parish Choristers.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### **Today: Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ**

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

### **Wednesday, November 23** Clement, Bishop of Rome

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

### **Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist celebrated from

The *Book of Common Prayer* (in the chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)

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

## COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Advent 1:** Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist with Litany in procession

**Advent Lessons & Carols:** 4 pm

**Advent 2:** Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

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

### **Announcement Submission Deadline**

Wednesdays Noon, please email [office@stsimons.ca](mailto:office@stsimons.ca)

### **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.

### **Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Opportunities Committee meeting**

At 7:30 p.m., all are welcome to sit in and participate, and see what is in the works for coming months at SPSS.

### **Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> – Deconsecrating**

As you will have noticed most of our plaques & items from 188 Carlton St have been moved and placed here at St. Peter & St. Simon the Apostle Parish Church. Dixon Hall will be taking over the entire building and rectory as of January 1st 2017. To facilitate this Bishop Yu will be deconsecrating the worship space on November 24th at 11 a.m. This is a very short service of prayers, and if you wish to attend you are welcome.

## Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> – 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.

### *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.

