



# St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle

## Announcements

### November 6, 2016

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**Welcome to St. Peter and 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: The Lusitanian Church*

*Diocesan Cycle: Council of General Synod and the Provincial Executive*

*Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.*

*Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: St. Timothy, North Toronto, its monthly community lunches, monthly dinners at St. George House, support of Moorelands Community Services and The Stop Community Food Centre, and engagement in building right relationship with First Nations; and for Trinity, Aurora, its support of the Yellow Brick House women's shelter and "Clothes Closet" second-hand store, its weekly "Welcome Table" community meal, its participation in a campaign to provide clean and accessible water to First Nations communities, and involvement in Amnesty International.*

*Parish Prayer Cycle: Lois Totton, Duncan & Barbara Towe, Lila Vamosi, Johan van't Hof*

A Word from Fr Geoffrey...

Today is Remembrance Sunday when we pause to remember those in this parish who gave of themselves in time of war, to commend them to God and to pray for peace. Please take a moment to look at the new memorials that have been put up, especially in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

With the help and expertise of Spencer Higgins we have taken a lot of time to consider the relocation of meaningful treasures such as the memorials to those who have given their lives in service to the Church and the broader community, especially in the tragic times of war, as well as Altar vessels, candles, worship books and so much more. We are delighted that the Altar from St Peter's has been moved here and is now in place at the head of the south aisle where it will be used regularly as a communion station. The Altar that has been in that place is now returned to its former location in the Children's Chapel.

The Christian life is a sacramental life, an "outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace". The places we build and the things we cherish are a reflection of our appreciation of God's love for us. It is important to honour and value the things our forebears have bequested as they are signs of lives transformed by God.

None of us are saints, but we are all, by God's grace, "saints in the making", due in no small part to the example and strength of those who have gone before us. Archbishop Michael Ramsay says this about the Communion of Saints: *"One consequence of the mystery of Christ is that Christian people don't stand – so to say – on the ground of the present moment, and view past generations, or their comrades in paradise, as people some distance away from them. No, we see the present moment more clearly and bravely, because our stance is within the Communion of Saints. How closely, how lovingly, they are praying with us today"*.

May those prayers strengthen us in our ministry here.

Geoffrey+

## **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

### **Today: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

### **Wednesday, November 9**

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

### **Sunday, November 13 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel celebrated from

The *Book of Common Prayer*

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

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

## **COMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Advisory Board:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

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

**Advent Lessons & Carols:** Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

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

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### **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.

### **Announcement Submission Deadline**

Wednesdays Noon

Please email [office@stsimons.ca](mailto:office@stsimons.ca) to submit announcements.

### **Our Facebook Page**

St. Peter and 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.

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

### **2017 Calendars for Sale**

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

## **Altar Flowers**

Please speak with Barbara Towe (905) 294-7588 or see her in the parish hall to confirm flower dedications through to June 2017. 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.

## **Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> - A service of Prayer**

On election night some of us will gather in the church at 8pm in prayer for the people of the United States at this time all are welcome.

## **Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> – Refugee Committee**

After the 10:30 service - at about 12 noon. This will be an open meeting. All interested people are invited. We are looking for more people to join the committee, but attending the meeting does not commit anyone to joining the committee.

## **Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> – Truth and Reconciliation**

A two-year lecture series hosted by Saint James Cathedral the next lecture is led by Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot. "Telling the Story of the Nikis: Memory Mapping and the Autoethnographic Journey of a Cree Adult Educator" The memory map of Nikis is a tool for storytelling and connecting with her audience to bring light to the impacts of the residential school policies for families who waited for their children to come home. At the heart of this story is the loss of a mother's embrace and the long walk back to finding self-love and recovery.

## **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 3pm. This is a very short service of prayers, and if you wish to attend you are welcome.