



St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

March 12, 2017

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: Maseno (Kenya)

*Diocesan Cycle: Anglican Church Women – Dr. Anita Gittens, Diocesan President
Colin, Archbishop. Kevin, Bishop.*

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Parish of Lloydtown, its Summer Day Camp, and Soup & Games Thursdays; and for the Parish of Minden-Kinmount, its Thrift Shop, and the new outreach initiatives it supports.

*Parish Prayer Cycle: William C Graham, Bryan & Angela Gransden, Diana and
Kenneth Green, Lorraine Griffith*

Jubilate!

*A newsletter for parishioners and friends of
The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle*

Have you seen the inaugural issue of **Jubilate!** St. Peter and St. Simon's newsletter? It was available at the Vestry Meeting Sunday, February 26, is found now on the church web site, and additional hard copies are found at the back of the church.

Initial reviews have been very positive! We look forward to the publication of the Pentecost issue. If you are interested in submitting an article to appear in the next newsletter please get copy to peggyneedham@sympatico.ca before May 15. Please talk to Peggy or Fr. Geoffrey at any time about your idea for an article.

From Fr Geoffrey...

Last week's Pancake Lunch was a great success. Thank you to Fran Brown and her team for their hard work, as well as Bob Duff and the shelter volunteers, and Maggie Sanderson and Ian Corlett for setting up the tables and chairs.

A Musical Meditation for Passiontide

Sunday, Lent 2 – March 12, 2017: 4pm Evensong

Music and Reading for Lent & Passiontide

Denise Williams – Soprano/David Smith piano & organ

Sunday Morning Coffee & Conversation

The Readings for next Sunday, Lent 3 – March 19, 2017:

Exodus 17:1-7/Psalm 95/Romans 5:1-11,

St John 4:5-42 *We hope you will join us!*

Lenten Study Series: Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life

Monday, March 13, 20, 27, April 3

6:30pm Light Supper 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 104th 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.

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.

Bishop Mark MacDonald to Visit!

On Sunday, April 23 – The 2nd Sunday of Easter – we are delighted that the Right Reverend Mark MacDonald, the National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, will be our preacher. Following the service there will be a discussion time with Bishop Mark about the Truth and Reconciliation process that the Church is currently part of with Canada's First Nations People. Bishop Mark is a gifted preacher and an inspiring spiritual leader - we look forward to welcoming him to our parish. Please mark your calendars.

Saturday, May 13: Spring Sale

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

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON

Today: Second Sunday in Lent

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

4pm Music and Reading for Lent & Passiontide

Denise Williams – Soprano/David Smith piano/organ

Wednesday, March 15: Lenten Feria

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

Sunday, March 19: Third Sunday in Lent

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

10:30 am Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

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

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.

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

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.

A Prayer from St Seraphim of Sarow (1759-1833)

*When you pray, be like the mountain
in stillness, in silence
Thoughts rooted in eternity,
Do nothing, just sit, just be;
and you will harvest the fruit of your prayer.*

*When you pray, be like the flower
reaching up to the Sun;
straight stemmed like a column.
Be open, ready to accept things without fear
and you will no lack anything on your way.*

*When you pray, be like the ocean
with stillness in its depths
the waves ebbing and flowing.
Have calm in your heart, and evil thoughts
Will flee of their own accord.*

*When you pray, remember the breath
that made us the people, living beings,
from God it comes; to God it returns.
Blend the Word and prayer with the flow of life
and nothing will come between you and the Give of Life.*

*When you pray, be like the bird,
endlessly singing before the Creator
its song rising like incense.
Pray like the turtle dove
And you will never lose heart.*

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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

1st - 5th Sunday (Traditional)

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