

RECTOR'S NOTES

A blessed Advent, dear friends. As Christmas approaches and we all face a very different Holy Season than we are used to, I wanted to take a moment of time to give you an update on my health and to connect with you all, my family in Christ.

Advent is a time of shorter days and less light, which seems like the perfect time to talk about depression. My first battle with depression happened when I was just 16 years old. The darkness and exhaustion took me by surprise but eventually I recovered and moved forward with my life. It reared its ugly head a few times since then, particularly post partum, and with good medical care and the love of family, I recovered again and again. This round of depression came on more slowly and deeply and I had hoped that by now science would have better medication. Sadly, it does not. What has happened now is a better understanding in the community and in therapy about what depression is and how to approach the disease.



I am extremely grateful to the parish, the clergy and Diocese for encouraging me to take this time away to heal. What I have done in the past, I now realize, is to survive or cope but never healed. Thanks to this time away, and the help of an excellent therapist, I am working towards bringing healing that, I pray, might end the battle with depression once and for all.

I could not have taken this time away without the confidence I have in the care you are receiving from the clergy of the parish. To Maria, David, Bill, Jim, Clem, Robert, and Roshni thank you for your extra hours of work, love and care for the parish. To the staff, wardens, and volunteers – bless you all! As if 2020 wasn't hard enough, here you are taking on an extra load. Please know how grateful I am. To the whole parish, thank you for your support, for the notes and cards I have received (via Maria), and for your continued financial commitment to keep the parish thriving and serving the world.

I had hoped to be back in the parish during Advent, but I honestly wasn't ready. I am working towards coming in slowly during January and I ask for your prayers that this might be possible. Until I see you again, dear friends, please be assured that I am okay and that I pray for you all daily.

Advent might be a time of darkness and preparation, but it ends with a glorious celebration of light and love that comes in Jesus our Saviour. As you and I, in our own ways, walk towards that Divine Love, may we keep our feet on the right path, our eyes focussed on God, and our hearts in beat with one another. May Love and Peace surround you and uphold you, and until I see you in the new year, God bless you always.

Jennifer

ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

Who would have thought that when we locked down during Lent we would be facing the same situation in Advent? We've been travelling this road for a long time, and are tired and worried, maybe much like Mary and Joseph as they approached Bethlehem. And yet, there is still much to look forward to in this season as we approach Christmas. We are still worshipping together online and connecting to one another in a variety of ways. Please see the list of special online services we have planned for Advent and Christmas in this edition of SPAN. Each week we post the links for our worship services on our website (www.stpeterserindale.ca) and send them out in the weekly parish email. Please feel free to share those links and invite your family and friends to join you worshipping online. There's lots of space to accommodate extra people, and you won't have to worry about nasty winter weather making for a difficult drive! We realize many people will not be able to travel nor visit in person with loved ones this year. To ease some of the loneliness, we are going to have extended breakout rooms at our Christmas morning worship service where you can spend time with family, friends, and other parishioners. For those who we know in-advance are going to be there, we can pre-assign a room; and those with the latest update to Zoom will be able to self-select a room that morning. We can also move people into specific rooms. If you would like to "host" a room on Christmas morning, please contact me.

May God bless you and keep you this Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Maria

CHRISTMAS CARE 2020

The 33rd annual St. Peter's Christmas Care Program is taking place! It will just occur a bit differently this year as we adapt to Covid-19 limitations and serve our recipients in a more concise manner. By that we mean that, instead of gifts, stockings for children and Christmas dinner items, we will provide gift cards and special support as requested by the families.



This year, more than 30 families will be in our care; including those referred by Interim Place, Credit Valley Hospital (Oncology), Trillium Health Services (Oncology) and those who directly contacted St. Peter's Erindale.

A description of these families is listed below and will be posted on the St. Peter's website. We ask that you offer gift cards or a monetary contribution for a certain family or individual in a family. There will not be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex but you can sign up on St. Peter's website (www.stpeterserindale.ca).

Contributions can be delivered either to Jean at the church office - weekdays 9am to 4pm; or The Hobbs' home, 1495 Adamson Street, Erindale Village. We are also accepting electronic gift card donations made out to: christmascare2020@gmail.com. The Hobbs family will deliver to all agencies and recipients on or before Friday, December 18th.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Josey or Roy 905.897.9759 or christmascare2020@gmail.com. More details are provided in the attached pamphlet (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i5nFHxciaXu6CqMpVHY16ph8Ck5QHZWg/view?usp=sharing>) or can be found on the St. Peter's website.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe, stay well and God bless!

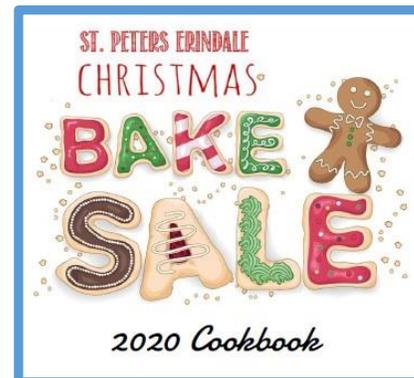
The Hobbs Family

CHRISTMAS CARE FAMILIES

1. Family of three; - Mom 35, son 6, daughter 2.
2. Family of four; - Mom 34, son 13, son 9, daughter 5.
3. Family of three; - Mom 29, son 7, son 2.
4. Family of two; - Mom 38, son 12.
5. Family of four; - Mom 30, daughter 8, son 6, son 2.
6. Family of three; - Mom 42, daughter 12, son 10.
7. Family of two; - Mom 56, son 24.
8. Family of six; - Mom 79, male 24, girl 14, boy 10, girl 6, male 40.
9. Family of two; - Mom, son 22.
10. Family of four; - Mom - daughter 18, daughter 17, son 12.
11. Family of two; - Wife 67, Husband 73. Income limited to Old Age Pension.
12. Family of one; - Mom 57. Unemployed and living alone. Is hoping to have Christmas with her kids and family of 8.
13. Family of five; - Mom 36, daughter 10, son 7, son 5, son 5.
14. Family of five; - Dad, Mom, son 18, son 17, daughter 9.
15. Family of three; - Olena 51, spouse, son 20. Stage IV Breast cancer.
16. Family of three; - Shawna 47, Stephen, son 7. Stage IV colorectal and pancreatic cancer.
17. Family of four; - Muhammad, Iram, daughter 13, son 10. Brain Tumour.
18. Family of four; - Rajinderpal 48, Daljit, son 19, daughter 10. Brain Tumour.
19. Family of four; - Danny 42, Jileane, son 18, son 8. Metastatic Gastrointestinal cancer stage IV.
20. Family of four; - Kouboura 43, Junaidu, daughter 12, son 10. Breast cancer.
21. Family of four; - Yamina 46, Djeelloul, daughter 14, daughter 8. Brain cancer stage IV.
22. Family of six; - Hamada 37, Noha, 4 sons (14, 11, 7, 5 months). Brain tumour.
23. Family of five; - Sara 33, spouse, daughter 16 (Leen), son 12 (Salem, son 6 (Rujin). Metastatic Bowel CA stage IV.
24. Family of three; - Margrette 56, daughter 22, daughter 18. Breast cancer.
25. Family of five; - Saba 56, 4 kids - 2 with disabilities, ages 18 to 27. Breast cancer.
26. Family of two; - Patricia 66, son 40. Metastatic Breast cancer stage IV.
27. Family of two; - John 60 and spouse. Multiple Myeloma
28. Family of two; - Marlene and spouse. Breast cancer.
29. Family of one; - Guilio. Anal cancer.
30. Family of two; - Tetianna 67 and spouse. Breast cancer.
31. Family of two; - Lilliane 57 and spouse. Breast cancer.
32. Family of one; - Judith 72. Breast cancer.
33. Family of two; - Rukhmin 60 and son 28. Breast cancer.
34. Family of two; - James 58 and spouse. Metastatic Lung Cancer stage IV.
35. Family of one; - Jacqueline 58 (lives alone). Breast cancer.
36. Family of one; - Olajamoke 42 (lives alone). Breast cancer.

BAKE SALE COOKBOOK

Thank you to Mary Frances Cappuccitti for her outstanding work producing the Bake Sale Cookbook! She wanted to produce something that would lift our spirits when it became clear we would not be able to have a Christmas bake sale this year. Parishioners contributed recipes for baked goods, jams, and preserves, and Mary Frances assembled them into a beautiful cookbook. The whole book can be downloaded free of charge from our website. Happy baking everyone!



SENIORS TEA - THANKSGIVING

If this pandemic has taught us nothing else, it is how to do traditional events in a new way.

St. Peter's has a long-standing tradition of offering a Seniors Tea three times a year. Although we could not meet in person this year, we created a tea party experience at Thanksgiving that was very well received. We created a YouTube video that included a short worship service, entertainment, and a sing-along. Several days in advance, Tea Party boxes containing seasonal plates and napkins, party favours, and knitted prayer squares, and (for those homes which were able to accept outside food) lots of goodies were dropped off at participating Long-Term Care and Retirement homes. People at the LTC and Retirement homes gathered safely in small groups to watch the YouTube video and to enjoy the treats.

Thank you to Lenna McLaughlin, Sharmini Arulanandam, Mark Matterson, Doris Huggett, the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry group, and Cathy Robertson for all their help organizing, shopping, producing the video, making the party favours and prayer squares; and, as well, to my daughter, Angelique, who I roped into being my "film crew".

Maria



SENIORS TEA - CHRISTMAS

Hi folks. Here we are. Christmas is almost here and it's time for the Seniors' Tea. Due to the restrictions the pandemic poses we remain unable to hold an in-person gathering. In its place we are looking forward to our Online Christmas Tea on December 21st at 2pm. While this is the first date and time it will be available for viewing on YouTube, it will be up throughout the entire Christmas Season for you to enjoy any time you like. Thank you in advance to everyone who is providing music and working behind the scenes to make this happen!

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Many Blessings to you all.

Lenna

THE BEV HARVEY MEMORIAL AWARD

Bev Harvey's legacy and commitment to helping others continues to live on through "The Bev Harvey Memorial Award". The Award was established by St. Peter's Anglican Church-Erindale in 2017 to honour Bev's extensive nursing career in England & Canada. Bev was a parishioner of St. Peter's for over 45 years. Upon retirement from the Queensway General Hospital-Etobicoke, Bev became the first Parish Nurse for St. Peter's, where she provided parishioners with spiritual and nursing support.

The Award was created to provide financial assistance to help nursing students reach their goal of becoming a Registered Nurse (RN). Melody Lim was the first recipient, in 2018; followed by Beverly Amoah in 2019. For 2020, the award went to Ariel Humphrys.



Ms. Humphrys is the grandchild of parishioners Dave and Renee Adams. She attended the 4-year Bachelor of Science Nursing program at Cambrian College in Sudbury and graduated with honours this past April. She was immediately given her Emergency Class license so that she could be available during this Pandemic. In May, she wrote and passed the NCLEX-RN nursing exam, officially becoming a Registered Nurse, General Class.

As we move forward, please consider making a donation to this important cause. Your generosity will ensure that future Award recipients can benefit from our support, while keeping alive Bev's legacy in the church and the community. St. Peter's will issue tax receipts for donations. Here are the ways that individuals can contribute to the Fund:

- Mail a cheque to the church, payable to *St. Peter's Erindale*, at the following address (write Bev Harvey Fund on the memo line of your cheque): St. Peter's Erindale Anglican Church, 3041 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON L5L 0B7
- Send an electronic funds transfer, via online banking, to giving@stpeterserindale.org and email our treasurer, Stu Hutcheson, (stu.hutcheson@sympatico.ca) advising the answer to your security question (if your bank requires one) and to let him know that you want the money to go to the Bev Harvey fund.
- Make a donation to St. Peter's through the Canada Helps website (www.canadahelps.org) and put in the comments that you wish the donation to go to the Bev Harvey fund.

Thank you.

Millie Blair

NEW SCREENING IN FAITH COORDINATOR

We would like to welcome Helen Baxter to St. Peter's Screening Co-ordinator role. The Anglican Diocese of Toronto requires each parish within the Diocese to fill this position which has the responsibility for making sure we are compliant with Diocese screening policies and to ensure we can maintain sufficient insurance coverage for the activities we undertake.



Positions (not people) held within the church fall into 3 different categories of risk: Low, Medium and High. A position's risk classification depends on a number of factors, the main ones being the amount of interaction a position will have with children, other vulnerable people and/or access to confidential personal or financial information. The diocese/parish is most concerned with positions that are of Medium and High risk. Clergy, staff, and volunteers within those positions must attend a Sexual Misconduct Training session when new to their role and every three years afterwards.

The Sexual Misconduct Policy training will take place on Zoom for active Medium & High Trust/Risk volunteers- details will follow. Further screening is required for people who are in High Risk positions which includes reference checks and a Police Record Check. Everyone in all positions (Low/Medium/High) must complete a Time and Talent/Application form. Volunteers moving from low to higher trust positions will need to have documentation completed at the higher trust level.

Did you know St. Peter's is very fortunate to have in excess of 170 volunteers serving in different capacities? Since different screening documents are required depending on the trust level of the volunteer position, Helen will be contacting you by email and attaching the appropriate documents that would apply to each volunteer based on your individual situation, in order to ensure we have complete and compliant screening files. Some of the ministry descriptions have not been reviewed in a number of years, and require updating, especially in our new COVID-19 reality! Thank-you Helen for taking on this important ministry role. And thank-you to our multitude of volunteers who enable us to continue to operate our St. Peter's ministries. We couldn't do this without you! We appreciate your support and assistance in helping Helen with this important work.

The Rev. Canon David Long
The Rev. Maria Nightingale
The Churchwardens

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ONLINE WORSHIP

Links will be posted on our website and sent out in the weekly parish email. If you are not already on our email list, please sign up at www.stpeterserindale.ca. We have the capacity for 500 participants in our Zoom worship services, and YouTube services can have an unlimited number of participants, so please share the links and invite your family and friends and invite them to join you in worshipping online during this season of Advent and Christmas.

Sunday, November 29th

8:00 and 9:15am

Advent I

Join us on Zoom for our regular Sunday worship services.

If you wish, have an Advent wreath nearby so you can light the first candle of hope.

10:00am

Youth Group and Bible Study

10:15am

Sunday School

11:00am

Advent Lessons and Carols

A service of prayer, scripture readings, and beautiful music on Zoom.

Sunday, December 6th

8:00, 9:15, 11:00am

Advent II

The Second Sunday of Advent regular Sunday Zoom worship services in which we light the candle of peace.

10:00am

Youth Group and Bible Study

10:15am

Sunday School

4:00pm

Celebration of New Ministry

Zoom service for the Rev. Roshni Jayawardena, the new incumbent of Trinity-St. Paul.

Tuesday, December 8th

7:30pm

Blue Christmas

For all those who find Christmas difficult, a quiet candle light service held on Zoom, meant to bring comfort, peace, and hope. You may wish to have candles to light at home as well.

Sunday, December 13th

8:00, 9:15, 11:00am **Advent III**

The Third Sunday of Advent regular Sunday Zoom worship services in which we light the candle of joy.

10:00am Youth Group and Bible Study
10:15am Sunday School

Sunday, December 20th

8:00, 9:15, 11:00am **Advent IV**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent regular Sunday Zoom worship services in which we light the candle of love.

10:00am Youth Group and Bible Study
10:15am Sunday School

Monday, December 21st

2:00pm* **Senior's Christmas Tea**

A short worship service, entertainment, and a sing-along, featuring a Christmas reflection by the Rev. Roshni Jayawardena, and Christmas carols sung by parishioners. **YouTube Premiere*. During the Premiere only, a live chat room will be available. The video will be available to view from that time on.

Thursday, December 24th

4:00pm **Christmas Eve Service with Christmas Pageant**

Enjoy a service to celebrate the birthday of Jesus with the children and youth of the parish leading us through an interactive story of the first Christmas on Zoom.

7:30pm **Early Evening Christmas Eve Service**

Have an early Christmas Eve dinner, then join St. Peter's on Zoom for a calmer evening service.

9:00pm* **Christmas Lessons and Carols**

A traditional service of lessons that tell the Christmas story, and beautiful music from members of our choir and hand bell ringers.

**YouTube Premiere*. The video will be available from that time on.

Christmas Morning

Friday, December 25th

10:00am **Family and Friends around the Manger**

A relaxed service of Christmas carols, prayers, and the story of Christmas. Feel free to show up in your Christmas pjs! On Zoom.

Following the service there will be extended Breakout Rooms for family and friends to gather.

Christmas Season

Sunday, December 27th

8:00, 9:15, 11:00am **First Sunday of Christmas**

January 3rd

8:00, 9:15, 11:00am **Epiphany**

We celebrate the first visit of the Magi to Jesus.

As of the time of publication of SPAN, we cannot predict when we will be able to resume in-person worship in the church building. Please check the parish website in late December for updates.

RITES OF PASSAGE

Baptisms

September 17, 2020

Fadel Alassouli

Wassila Elsayah

November 21, 2020

Sophie Claire Azan

Cindy Lee Mohammed

Jay Nair

Lucy Gianna Sholl

May Winnifred Rose Woodfine

November 28, 2020

Diana Grace Iarrobino

Deaths

August 20, 2020 – Roy Frederick Allen

September 11, 2020 – Peter Anthony Robinson

October 7, 2020 – David Manning Adams

October 16, 2020 – Heather Margaret Boersma

October 22, 2020 – Brent Davies

October 25, 2020 – John (Jack) Edward Bonham

October 31, 2020 – Richard Cecil Wayne Dybvig

Clergy

Incumbent: The Rev. Canon Jennifer E. Reid

Interim Priest in Charge: The Rev. Canon David Long

Chaplain to Seniors: The Rev. Maria Nightingale

Honorary Assistants: The Rev. Canon William Kibblewhite, The Rev. James Ferry,

Deacon & Music Director: The Rev. Clement Carelse

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Townshend

Wardens

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