

ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

Sunday, April 11th was a sad day as the Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid announced her intention to relinquish her position as incumbent of St. Peter's, Erindale. In doing so, Jennifer made the brave decision to look after her health, and the health of the parish. As one of our parishioners said, "Even in her leaving, she has shown great leadership."

On Sunday, May 30th we will bid farewell to our beloved priest, pastor, and friend, as we celebrate her 32 years in the parish, focus on all she has meant to this parish and to the Church, and let go of her pastoral relationship with the parish. It will no doubt be a day filled with love and laughter, even as it is mingled with some tears. Join us for one of the Sunday morning services at 8:00 or 10:00 am that day, and please read about the other events planned and ways you can contribute in this edition of SPAN.

I thank everyone for the love and support they have shown to Jennifer and to her family, and for the supportive and encouraging notes you have sent me. At this point, our focus as a parish needs to be saying a *good* good-bye to Jennifer, taking time to acknowledge our sadness at her departure, as well as our profound appreciation for the many gifts she brought to this community. Then, it will be a time for deep, prayerful discernment, as the parish of St. Peter's, to understand who we are and who we feel God is calling us to be as a parish; and, then, what gifts and skills the new incumbent will need to lead us. We are not yet at the stage of determining "who" that person will be. Bishop Kevin Robertson has been in touch with the wardens about some of the next steps in choosing the next incumbent. Please see their article for more details.

Know that our strength as a community comes first and foremost from God, and be encouraged by these words that come from St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (*Philippians 4:4-7*)

Maria



FAREWELL TO JENNIFER

Jennifer Reid came to St. Peter's Erindale as a deacon 32 years ago. Aside from her four years as chaplain at Lakefield College School she has remained in our parish, excelling as first our associate and then our incumbent priest. Canon Reid showed the love of God to all, from the tiniest newborns to people at the end of life. Throughout the years, Jennifer always 'had an idea' that would encourage us to develop our faith in God and to share love and happiness with each other. Now WE have an idea!

Please join us for special farewell services at **8 or 10 a.m. on May 30th**. We will come together as a congregation and community for a **virtual** reception immediately following the 10 a.m. service, with speeches, stories and fellowship. Bring a slice of cake, scone, cup of coffee, or mimosa and join us in toasting Jennifer's amazing work and contributions to our parish family and the greater Erindale community.

Traditionally outgoing priests are presented with a monetary gift (a Purse) by their congregations. We are currently taking a collection for Jennifer's Purse. If you are interested and able to contribute, the details are listed below along with other, non-financial ways you can contribute.

How Can You Get Involved?

- ✚ Add your message, picture, video memory to the virtual guestbook, Kudoboard. An electronic and physical version will be presented to Jennifer after the event. Add your memory or message at: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/OTwaRCT5>
- ✚ Those unable to add to the Kudoboard are welcome to send a card or note to the church. Please state **Attn: Jennifer** on the envelope so we know to get it to her.
- ✚ All kids and youth are invited to take part in a surprise activity for Jennifer. Be sure to send your contribution to Lillian Newbery (newbery.timson@sympatico.ca), before May 25th. See the email Rev Maria sent you recently for details.
- ✚ Financial Gifts* for Jennifer: Cheques can be mailed to the church (separately from cards) or via e-transfer sent to giving@stpeterserindale.org. Please make sure to note Gift for Jennifer in the memo section of either format.
(* financial gifts are not eligible for tax receipts)



UPDATE ON PARISH LEADERSHIP

Options are being explored by Bishop Kevin Robertson to source additional interim ministry support to St. Peter's. While this work is being undertaken, the wardens are moving ahead to assemble a "Parish Selection Committee" (PSC), to which members representing the diversity of our parish will be recommended by the wardens. The PSC is responsible for:

- working with an external coach from the Diocese to create a parish profile in consultation with the parish via such media as surveys or town halls;
- developing a list of potential rector candidates;
- creating a short list of best rector candidates that fit our parish profile;
- interviewing the candidates as a committee and provide opportunities at Sunday services for them to speak and conduct services.

A special vestry meeting is planned for early June to present the PSC team members to the parish for approval. Please feel free to contact the wardens at: wardens@stpeterserindale.org with any questions you may have. If you do not have access to internet services, you may phone and leave a message at the church office at 905-828-2095 with your name and number and a churchwarden will contact you.

James Beckwith, Carol Bailey, Ken Baxter, Michael Davies

UPDATE FROM THE DEACON'S CUPBOARD

Thanks to the generous support of all our participating churches, we remain open every Wednesday morning. Throughout the winter we served an average of 187 guests per month – covering just over 700 family members. Our process is to give a voucher to each guest for redemption at a Loblaws/No Frills store. The amount of the voucher varies, according to the size of the family: \$75 for families with six or more children under the age of 21; \$50 for families of two or more; and \$25 for singles.

We stopped receiving new guests in January to be sure we have the necessary resources for our current roster of people. New guests who do come in are given a voucher on that day and a map of the food banks in their area. While this is a one-time support only, names are recorded for reference purposes.

There are two new exciting developments to share:

1. David Gorman (Erindale United Church) successfully applied on our behalf for a \$25,000 grant from Food Banks Canada. It has been deposited in our account! What a bonus to our reserves.
2. Bill Raney (Erindale Presbyterian church) has co-ordinated the distribution of prepared meals from "Feed Mississauga". One hundred pre-packaged meals were distributed to our guests on Wednesday, March 10 and again on Wednesday, April 21. There is always something "extra" for our guests each Wednesday.

New For July 2021 Only – we will remain open so that we can continue to support our guests during these very trying times.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for their dedicated commitment to The Deacon's Cupboard.

Cathy Matthews

SENIORS' TEA

Hello Folks,

The Easter Senior's Tea debuted on YouTube on April 12th and went very well. A big thank you goes out to Rev. Maria Nightingale and Sharmini for the fantastic job they did to make the Tea such a success. The participation of the children was awesome. Their stories were unique and we owe a big thank you to the parents for sharing their joy with us. I only wish they could join us for an in-person Senior's Communion Tea; I am sure the guests would be overwhelmed!



If you haven't had a chance to watch the Easter Tea, the link is still up on St. Peter's website; www.stpeterserindale.ca. It really is awesome.

Please keep an eye out for more information about the Thanksgiving Tea. Until then, please stay safe and let's pray that this horrible pandemic goes away soon.

Many blessings to you and your family.
Lenna McLaughlin

CANADIAN VOICE OF WOMEN FOR PEACE (VOW) AWARD

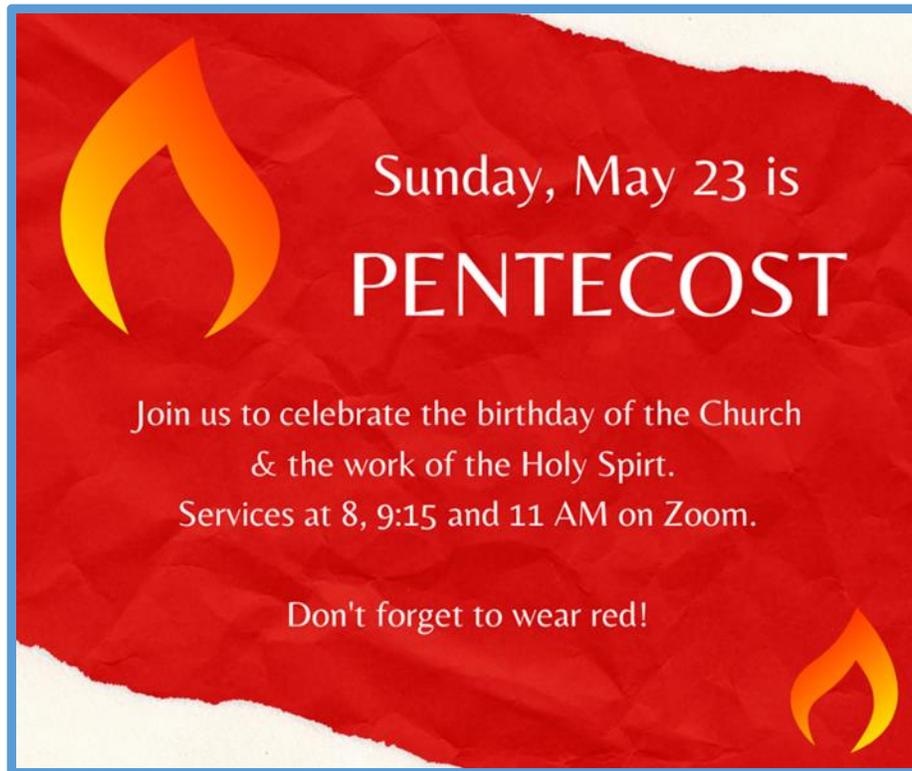
Julia Morton-Marr is a long-time parishioner of St. Peter's, Erindale who has been able to reconnect to the worship services and fellow parishioners since the pandemic began thanks to our use of Zoom.

On 8 May 2021, she was awarded this year's Anne Goodman award for the promotion of a Culture of Peace from the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace. A native of Australia and long-time teacher, Julia developed the International School Peace Gardens (ISPG) program when she came to Canada in 1992. ISPG was part of the Canadian United Nations 'Day in Schools' program during the UN's 50th anniversary in 1994/5. This brought her in touch with hundreds of schools, school boards, teachers' federations, and secondary and elementary principals across Canada. Since inception, the ISPG program has also spread internationally.

The purpose of a peace garden is to have a place in which you can solve problems; it is a place of conflict resolution, and a place to learn how to protect our local environment. These conflicts range from simple disagreements to global issues such as: food security, bio-diversity, ecosystems, honoring native peoples, use of renewable energy, water gardens and planting food for migrating species. The functions of a peace garden include; Teachers and students planning and designing a garden, planting a peace tree and adding two friendship benches. Such gardens have been shown to promote positive understanding and action. This concept has been extended to public areas in large cities, university campuses and prisons in Canada.

Julia's work has incorporated sustainability throughout and includes not only the problems we face, but future prevention, and learning to help clean up the Earth. This concept can be taught at all levels in schools, colleges and universities.

Congratulations, Julia!



rites of passage

Deaths

March 9, 2021 – Emily Jackson Goodman
March 26, 2021 – Ann Marie Adams
May 6, 2021 – Helen Albert Charles
May 14, 2021 – Jean Mortensen

Weddings

April 10, 2021 – Brina Alexandria Peters & Allen Lee
April 24, 2021 – Emily Leah Carol Smith & Robinson Matsukuma

Clergy

Incumbent: The Rev. Canon Jennifer E. Reid
Associate & Chaplain to Seniors: The Rev. Maria Nightingale
Honorary Assistants: The Rev. Canon William Kibblewhite, The Rev. James Ferry,
The Rev. Canon David Long
Deacons: The Rev. Clement Carelse, The Rev. Robert Townshend

Wardens

Rector's Warden: James Beckwith
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