

MESSAGE FROM REV. CANON WOOLLEY

This year November 28th, the 1st Sunday of Advent, marked the beginning of the new church year. During each of the 4 Sundays in Advent an additional candle is lit on the Advent Wreath. Each Sunday is associated with a word so rich in meaning: hope, peace, joy, love.

The Advent Season starts us on a new liturgical year of scripture readings; this year the Gospel readings will be primarily from the Gospel of Luke. Further down in this edition of SPAN, you'll see an article on some of the unique nuances that Luke's Gospel gives to us as one of the four Gospels.



COVID protocols will continue to factor in to what we would usually do but we are now allowed to sing together in person, while we continue to protect and care for one another with physical distancing and masking. Although it is different from how we used to worship, our hearts and minds will be rejoicing in the Good News as we celebrate God's gift of Love to us, the birth of Jesus- the one named Emmanuel, "God with us."

The challenge and invitation of Christmas is ever old, ever new: allow Jesus to move from the cradle of Bethlehem to the cradle of our hearts, to allow Him to grow up and be formed in us. Yes, this will bring comfort and challenge, hope and rebuke to who we are and what we do! But in doing so, we discover something of the meaning of Emmanuel-God with us!

Please see elsewhere the list of worship services as we move through the Advent and Christmas Season.

Yours in Christ,

Jim

Interim Priest-in-Charge

ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

Last year in our 2020 Advent SPAN, eight months into the pandemic, I wrote: "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."

Well, we are still on this very long pandemic road, and more than a few of us are beyond tired, but much like the focus of Advent there is hope and expectation in the midst of difficult times. The development and distribution of a vaccine continues to bring us

hope, even as we recognize that there are still many countries where their citizens long for even a first dose. Although there are still necessary restrictions in place to reduce the spread and severity of the virus, we are more open than we were at the same time last year. We see hope in being able to gather in person and to sing together, albeit in a limited fashion.



Worshipping in the church building during a pandemic takes a lot more "behind the scenes" work than in pre-pandemic times. At the risk of forgetting someone, I want to give you a glimpse of all the work that happens so that we can worship together. I am extremely grateful for the chancel guild members, sidespeople, and greeters who are willing to come in person and exercise their ministry, as well as our online sidespeople who make sure our Zoom counts are accurate. Gary Spence set up an online registration portal so that we can make sure we're adhering to protocols on social distancing when we worship in person, and I am extremely grateful for the work he does week after week. I am extremely grateful for the time Clem Carelse spends recording music for our Zoom services and the work that Jean Laduke and James Beckwith do to produce the bulletins and PowerPoints. I am extremely grateful for the hard work of Kyoko Kobayashi and a dedicated tech crew who have helped keep our congregation in many places worshipping together through Zoom and our hybrid services, and the maintenance group that has done much of the physical labour necessary to get the tech in place. Week after week they have worked to iron out the inevitable glitches that come from doing something new with technology in a nearly 135 year-old building. We could really use more people willing to support the worship service, either online or in-person. Please consider becoming an online Zoom host, in-person tech crew for hybrid services, chancel guild member, sidesperson, or greeter, and share in the work of the worshipping community.

I wish you a very blessed Advent and Christmas.

Maria

Associate Priest/Chaplain to Seniors



CHRISTMAS CARE 2021

Each year the St. Peter's Christmas Care program assists families in need. This is our 34th year and the second since going virtual; meaning that, once again, we will be giving gift cards to the families to provide food, stocking stuffers, and presents. Please know your financial donations make a difference. At the link [here](#), you'll find information on this year's 30 families, the institutions we support, and donation options.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Josey or Roy Hobbs at christmascare2021@gmail.com or 905-897-9759.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Roy Hobbs

SENIORS TEA

The Seniors' Worship Service and Tea Party continues to be a very special event at St Peter's Erindale. Unfortunately, during these uncertain times, we've been unable to get together in-person. Happily, with the expertise of the Rev Maria Nightingale and the help of Sharmini Arulanandam, we have been able to arrange online services on YouTube. For the Thanksgiving Tea, we had our highest number of pre-registered participants ever - 130 residents of Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes (the actual number of viewers was no-doubt larger as the staff of these homes, and a number of parishioners, watched it as well).



Rev. Maria Nightingale is busy arranging this year's Christmas Seniors' Tea which will be aired on YouTube the 16th of December. We have once again collaborated with the Rev. Roshni Jayawardena and the people of Trinity-St. Paul in the creation of the video.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped us with this event throughout the year. Special thanks to Doris Huggett for the lovely, never duplicated favours she makes; all the parishioners who have purchased items for the Tea Party boxes, and everyone who has contributed to the creation of the videos for our online Teas.

Blessings to you all and your family. Stay safe everyone.

Lenna March

GRATITUDE FOR LAY MINISTRY

St. Peter's has been blessed by the life and ministry of so many, and I'd like to give thanks for the work of two parishioners who retired from their positions earlier this year: Art Howard, Lay Reader, and Abbie Trancoso, Parish Nurse.

Art has given many years of service as a communion minister, lay pastoral visitor, and home communion minister, as well as giving time to many other ministries in the church. The residents of Erin Mills Lodge and Erinview Retirement Home benefitted from the monthly Prayer and Praise services he, along with a dedicated group of parishioners, led up until the start of the pandemic. As a lay pastoral visitor and home communion minister, Art shared his faith, and his love of music with those he visited.

Abbie "apprenticed" under the guidance of Deacon and former Parish Nurse, the Rev. Bev Harvey. When Bev died in 2017, Abbie became Parish Nurse. She brought her knowledge and expertise from her full-time job as an Emergency Room Nurse, as well as her personal compassion and faith to the position of Parish Nurse. As a member of the Health and Wellness Committee, she helped with after services blood pressure clinics, and organizing workshops that dealt with both physical and mental health. She also gave guidance to a number of individual parishioners, helping them navigate the sometimes confusing health care system.

We are so grateful at St. Peter's for the work and faithful witness of these two individuals. May God continue to bless them.

Maria Nightingale

FAITHWORKS - 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee is one of St. Peter's representations of our church family being God's hands and feet in this world. Though we continue to see the ways that God continues to bless us, we want to look forward to the ways in which we can continue to support this ministry as God's representatives in our community.

On Sunday November 21st, our services were focused on FaithWorks and the positive impact that it continues to have on the lives of so many.

Since 1996, St. Peter's has been a leader in supporting FaithWorks; a legacy that we hope to continue as we rise to the latest 100 + 1% Challenge that Bishop Andrew Asbil has posed. He would like to see 100% participation of every parish in the Diocese and every Anglican to give just 1% more than last year.

This year, St. Peter's has again been recognized for our unwavering support of FaithWorks. Although we have had to transform the way that we worship due to the pandemic, it does not diminish the importance of our fellowship and the difference we make in our communities. Jesus calls us to "Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep." Let's continue to bless others as God has blessed us. We encourage you to prayerfully consider what you do give.



If you are able, here are some of the ways that you can support FaithWorks and outreach work in general:

Review your PAR commitment. Do you currently contribute via PAR? Reach out the PAR Secretary @ par@stpeterserindale.org and update your contributions to designate some of it to FaithWorks.

Make a one-time offering. Did you get a bonus that you are thankful for and feel moved to share your blessing in this special way? You can eTransfer to St. Peter's giving@stpeterserindale.org and indicate your donation is for FaithWorks.

Request an envelope. Do you want to give but prefer a "low tech" approach? Call the church so that they can mail you or you can pick up the appropriate envelope so that you can give.

Go directly to FaithWorks. Do you prefer to sign up on the Diocesan FaithWorks portal? Go to [Donating to FaithWorks – Faithworks](#). Don't forget that we getting matching funds that further enhance the work of outreach, so follow the instructions so that you are flagged as a member of St. Peter's

We are always open to ideas – Outreach and Social Justice is about meeting individual needs as a community. So please feel free to reach out to our Deacon in charge of this ministry, the Rev. Robert Townshend, to share your ideas.

Liselle Ramcharan

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR OFFERTORY SECRETARY

Year-end Donations / Tax receipts

It's almost that time – year-end, followed by tax season. The church is thankful for all your support during these uncertain times, and especially as we slowly return to in-person services. Please submit any year-end donations as soon as possible to ensure they are recorded as 2021 donations on your tax receipt.

Consider switching to Pre-Authorized Remittance

I am in the process of ordering donation envelopes for 2022, and appeal to parishioners to consider switching to Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR); not only to reduce the cost of the envelopes and paper-handling, but also to assist in the budgeting process for our parish. Forms are available on our website, in-person on the registration table in the narthex, or directly through email to par@stpeterserindale.org.

Did you move and/or change contact info?

I want to ensure you receive your 2021 tax receipt and, to this end, if you moved and/or changed your email address, please let me know so the church records can be updated accordingly.

Thank you.

Hilary Barton

Offertory Secretary

par@stpeterserindale.org

LUKE'S GOSPEL

As of November 28 (Advent 1) we are in Year C or the 3rd year of the 3-year Scripture Reading Cycle. Luke's Gospel will be the main source for most of the Sunday Gospel readings. Matthew is the main source for A (1st year); Mark and portions of John are the source for B (2nd year). This ecumenical Reading Cycle is used by many denominations (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, United, and many others) around the world. As a result many relatives and friends, living elsewhere in various Caribbean countries, the United Kingdom, Australia or African nations, are hearing the same Scripture Readings each Sunday. Many would say this provides a unity amongst followers of Jesus and an opportunity to discuss and share insights.

Each Gospel has its own nuance or flavour, if you will. I invite you to be on the "lookout" for such in this Year of Luke. For instance, only Luke has the story of shepherds involved at the birth of Jesus; or of Jesus being presented at the Temple, being recognized by the old man Simeon and the old woman Anna. Only Luke gives us a story of 12 year old Jesus visiting the Temple and engaging with the teachers.

It is only in Luke that we have the parable of the Good Samaritan, the parables in the 15th chapter: the lost sheep, lost coin and prodigal son (we will hear the lost (prodigal) son parable on the 4th Sunday of Lent). Only Luke gives us the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the parable of the widow in prayer and the story of Zacchaeus out on a limb in more ways than one. Thank God for the Gospel of Luke.

In and through Luke there is also:

- an emphasis on prayer: Jesus goes up the hill to pray, the parable of the Rich Man and the Tax Collector, the parable of the widow in prayer;
- an emphasis on the Holy Spirit working in and through Jesus and the disciples, the early church (keep in mind that the same author is also associated with the Acts of the Apostles).
- attention is given to women: Mary and the Magnificat; Elizabeth, the story of Mary and Martha.
- the desire of Jesus to sit "at table" with the so-called sinners and outcasts, and to share the Good news of God's love for both Jew and Gentile. To emphasize this, Luke (often considered a Gentile doctor) traces Jesus' genealogy all the way back to Adam (not just to Abraham as in Matthew) and gives us the Acts of the Apostles- the Good news spreading far beyond Jerusalem.
- Jesus from the cross uttering the words, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

As we go through C Cycle, the "Year of Luke", may we appreciate the nuance found in this Gospel. Be on the lookout for these "special features." May they strengthen our spiritual journey as we follow Jesus. Again, I say thank God for the Gospel of Luke.

In closing, a story from the Rev Corbin Eddy, a Roman Catholic priest who lived in Ottawa at one time:

Kevin was in Grade 1. His teacher asked the class. "What is the colour of apples?" Most of the children answered red. A few said green. Kevin raised his hand and said white. The teacher tried to explain that apples could be red, green or sometimes golden, but never white. Kevin was quite insistent and finally said, "Look inside." He concludes, "I think that Luke would have like Kevin- a lot!"

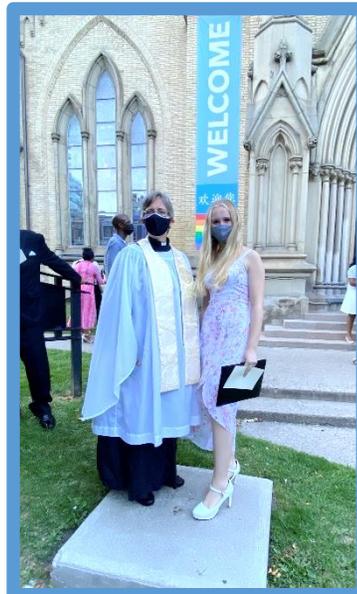
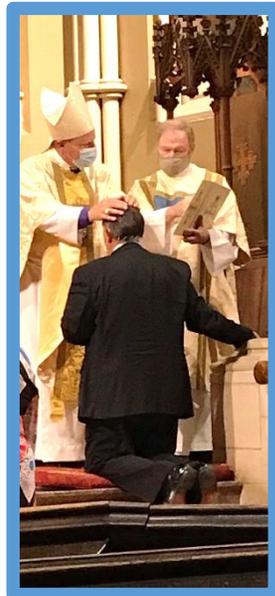
Rev. Canon Jim Woolley

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

We give thanks to God that Cindy Lee Mohammed, Donald G. Scott, and Deysha George-Pugliese were confirmed at St. James Cathedral on Sunday, September 19th,, 2021. It was a wonderful celebration of faith and the blessing of the Holy Spirit in these three people's lives.



(Photo by Michael Hudson)



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ONLINE WORSHIP

Services for Advent 2021

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| December 12th | Advent 3 | 8:00am | Zoom |
| | | 9:15am | Hybrid (in-person & online) |
| | | 11:15am | Zoom |
| December 19th | Advent 4 | 8:00am | Zoom |
| | | 9:15am | Zoom |
| | | 11:15am | Hybrid (in-person & online) |

**All our Sunday morning services are available online on Zoom. Please go to our website at www.stpeterserindale.com to get the link.

Special Online Services

December 7th **7:30pm** **Blue Christmas on Zoom**
Candle lighting service to lament our losses and look to the future with hope.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88118537606?pwd=c0RaYVliQzU3UVptazZKY3BwQkNxQT09>

December 16th **2:00pm** **Seniors Christmas Tea on YouTube**
Worship service followed by entertainment.

Services for Christmas

Christmas Eve

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| December 24th | 4:00pm | Zoom with Christmas Pageant |
| | 7:00pm | Hybrid (in-person & online) |
| | 9:30pm | In-person only |

Last year's very popular Christmas Lessons and Carols Service is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8rFWA3lrXk&t=9s>

Christmas Day

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| December 25th | 9:30am | In-person only |
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First Sunday in Christmas

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| December 26th | 8:00am | Zoom |
| | 10:00am | In-person only |

Epiphany

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| January 2nd, 2022 | 8:00am | Zoom |
| | 10:00am | In-person only |

The Baptism of our Lord

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| January 9 th | 8:00am | Zoom |
| | 9:15am | Zoom |
| | 11:15am | Hybrid with Baptisms |

You must pre-register to attend in person services at: <https://www.picktime.com/StPetersErindale>. If you need help registering, please call the church office, Monday to Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm, at 905-828-2095.

RITES OF PASSAGE

Baptisms

October 17, 2021 Aubrey Coley
 Giovanna Lynn D'Agostino
 Dylan Larry Allan Enair
 Ethan Paul Utarid

Deaths

September 2, 2021 – Thomas William Hodgson
September 13, 2021 – Peter Bruce Archibald Clarkson
September 14, 2021 – Nancy Anne Handisyde
October 13, 2021 – Mary Austin
October 14, 2021 – Edith Juby
October 16, 2021 – Harold vonHolstein-Rathlou
November 7, 2021 – Winifred Whitby Hall Weston
November 12, 2021 – Mary Avril Reynolds
November 16, 2021 – John Kenneth Arnold
November 27, 2021 – Frederick Weston

Weddings

September 4, 2021 Pia Eirene F. Canada & Charles Ian Mason

Clergy

Interim Priest in Charge: The Rev. Canon James Woolley
Associate/Chaplain to Seniors: The Rev. Maria Nightingale
Honorary Assistants: The Rev. Canon James Ferry, The Rev. Canon David Long
Deacon & Music Director: The Rev. Clement Carelse
Deacon: The Rev. Robert Townshend

Wardens

Rector's Warden: James Beckwith
Deputy Rector's Warden: Michael Davies
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Deputy People's Warden: Ken Baxter

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