

## MESSAGE FROM REV. CANON WOOLLEY

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 10 this year) begins Holy Week. During this week we will recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the last supper with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, his arrest and crucifixion on Good Friday and then we will joyously celebrate the good news of his resurrection on Easter Day.

These events, to those who have "the eyes to see and the ears to hear," express God's amazing love for us. God's love endures the worst but thanks be to God, death and the grave do not have the last word! The hymn writer Isaac Watts puts it this way, "loving so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life my all."



This Easter Season, whether you are here in Mississauga either through zoom or in-person worship or visiting elsewhere, be sure to witness your Christian faith. Join your voices with other Christians around the world in singing those wonderful words of praise, "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia."

The Lenten and Easter Season have often been associated with Baptism-Lent as a time to teach, to prepare candidates for Baptism and the Easter Season as a time to go through the waters of Baptism-to participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus. As several candidates are baptized on the Sunday after Easter Day I invite you to reflect on your own baptismal covenant, to live it out.

1. Consider Baptism as a way of saying Yes! Sign me up! I want to declare, be known as a follower/disciple of Jesus Christ.
2. Consider Baptism as initiation into the Christian Community. As a member of Christ's body, I am willing to take on responsibilities.
3. Consider Baptism as a commissioning to go intentionally into God's world in word and deed, to be engaged in loving the world God loves.

Do consider reading over the Baptismal Service (beginning on page 151 of the Book of Alternative Services) that includes the questions and answers of the Baptismal Covenant.

As we step into the Easter Season, consider what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus. May we be informed by the primacy of the Great Commandment-love God, love others, love ourselves and the Great Commission-go, inviting others to be disciples of Jesus.

God bless as we move toward this joyous Eastertide 2022.

*Jim*

Interim Priest-in-Charge

## ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

I was speaking to a colleague the other day who was sensing a need in her parish for a grief group. She knew that I had run a number of these type of groups at St. Peter's, and wanted to pick my brain. I shared with her about the three in-person pre-pandemic grief groups, and one online pandemic grief workshop we held in this parish. We also talked about grief itself, and how multi-layered and complicated it is at this time with people experiencing whatever their personal griefs are (death, divorce, serious illness) on top of experiencing the generalized grief of the pandemic. At St. Peter's we have also been dealing with our community's grief of Jennifer's departure from the parish. My colleague and I talked about the need to work towards a "new normal" as one processes grief, because it is impossible to go back to exactly the way things were prior to the loss. I am very aware that one of the ways I have coped so far through this pandemic is to view it through a "grief lens". Past experience dealing with my personal losses, and the knowledge that eventually I have been able to make meaning out of the experience and find a new normal have encouraged me to keep going. I guess I figure "if I've done it once, I can do it again." That's not to say there aren't many moments exhaustion, frustration, and sadness, but recognizing these as part of grief helps me be a little more patient with the process. I hope that others will also recognize grief is a natural reaction to loss, and be patient with themselves and with others as they work through it.

In the parable of the fig tree (the gospel reading on March 20th) the gardener does a number of things, including working manure into the soil, to encourage the tree to produce fruit. Though it feels like we've been enduring the application of a lot of smelly "fertilizer" for the last two years, there have been signs of new growth in the parish over that time as well. Please see articles in this edition of SPAN about Rev. Jim Ferry's installation as an honorary canon of the Cathedral, Louise Dightam's upcoming ordination in May, the continuing development of the Hybrid services, and the Seniors' Easter Tea as just some of the examples that God our Gardener is making good things grow in the soil of St. Peter's.

*Maria*

Associate Priest/Chaplain to Seniors

## **INTERIM-PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CANON JIM WOOLLEY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AS ORDAINED PRIEST!**

For several years the Diocese of Toronto has recognized those clergy who are celebrating their Diamond, Golden or Silver Jubilee during the Blessing of Oils and Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows service at the Cathedral in Holy Week. The diocese has noted that Canon Jim Woolley in 2022 is celebrating his Golden Jubilee year (ordained priest on May 21, 1972).

Along with other clergy marking 25, 50 or 60 years, Canon Jim's 50 years of ministry as priest will be acknowledged at the 11:00 am Cathedral service on Tuesday, April 12.

## **PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Our journey to find a new incumbent for St. Peter's Erindale began last spring, when our Parish Selection Committee (PSC) members were confirmed at a special vestry held in June 2021. Our Area Bishop Kevin Robertson held a kickoff meeting with the team on Aug 25th during which he outlined the Diocesan process that we would be following to recruit a new Priest-in-Charge. We were introduced to the two PSC coaches who would be guiding us through the PSC process in the months to follow.

The PSC Committee's real work began on September 22nd when we came together to start the creation and execution of a parish survey, parish listening sessions, and a parish profile document. The team's responsibility is to listen to our parishioners and employees, understand the direction our parish is headed in, and, once the research and consultation is complete, compile an accurate and honest profile of St. Peter's. This is truly a discernment process and rest assured, the PSC team has spent considerable time reflecting on who we are as a parish, where the parish wishes to go in the future, and with what sort of clerical leader we need to help us achieve this desired future.

We are happy to report that the final draft of our Parish Profile (text only) was submitted to the Bishop for review on March 16th and the next step is to receive his feedback and determine our readiness to publish the Parish Profile document for use in the recruitment process. A couple of things to note:

- we still need to complete the final version of the document that has been graphically designed (with photos and design layout)
- when the Bishop is satisfied with the Profile, he will post the position. This posting is typically open for 30 days.
- The parish will be given the opportunity to see the final version of the profile (the format in which it will be shared is still to be determined)
- A short list of candidates is created and then the PSC team is engaged to conduct the interview process
- Only the Area Bishop has the authority to hire a new incumbent, the PSC committee will only recommend a candidate.

We are optimistic and hopeful that we might have a new incumbent before the summer begins, but realistically, due to clergy vacation schedules, September is probably the more likely scenario.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [St.Peters.PSC@gmail.com](mailto:St.Peters.PSC@gmail.com) and a member of the team will respond.

*Carol Bailey*

PSC Committee Chair

## **CONNECTING IN A NEW WAY THROUGH THE HYBRID SERVICE**

Last Fall we started a new experiment in the way we offer in-person services. We had become accustomed to being one congregation in many places through the regular Zoom services, so we decided to take it one step further by allowing people to participate in the church building or online for one service per Sunday. We called this our Hybrid service. When the Omicron wave hit and covid numbers started climbing in December, we made the difficult decision to temporarily return to Zoom-only services. However, this gave us the opportunity to evaluate how things were going so far with the hybrid service and discuss changes that could be made to improve it. Members of the congregation who had participated in the hybrid services, either online or in person, or both, were invited to share their thoughts either in written form, or during an online meeting held at the end of January.

Our focus was how we connect to God and to one another during the service, and how the way in which we do the Hybrid service either helped or hindered that connection. Participants talked of the discipline it takes to worship online. One woman commented that she makes sure friends and family know that Sunday morning is sacred and not to call her during the church services. One person lamented that the current safety protocols didn't allow them to greet people or assist them finding page numbers the way they had in the past. Some observed that they were surprised by how connected they felt to others online, and that sometimes it was actually easier to connect online.

One person commented that her worship attendance has been far more regular since we went online than it was pre-pandemic. They liked that children and youth were often present and participated in the liturgy. Others hoped, even post-Pandemic, that the Zoom/hybrid option would not disappear as it made it possible for people who can't get to the building due to any number of reasons (fear of driving in bad weather, lack of a vehicle, illness or injury, geographic distance, difficulty getting young kids out the door, etc), to still worship on a regular basis with their church family. One participant in the conversation summed it up by saying "In every decision we make and everything we do, we need to keep in mind three principles: energy, Spirit, and connection."

Out of our conversation came several changes that we are implementing to improve the feeling of connection both online and in-person. One is the way we do congregational responses during the services. During Zoom-only services, we are asking the responder to invite any other members of their household who are using the same device they are to connect to say the responses out loud as well. This allows for multiple voices coming from one microphone, enhancing the congregational response but not overwhelming Zoom's sound capabilities.

During the Hybrid services, there will not be a responder with a portable microphone sitting in the congregation which picks up their voice and the voices of those around them, thus allowing the online participants to hear the responses coming from the church. We have also tweaked the communication between the church building and the online readers and prayer leaders, so that there is a smoother transition between online leadership of parts of the service and leadership from within the church building. Congregational singing is now allowed, and we have added a third hymn to the Hybrid service. The choir has begun recording hymns for the Zoom-only service so that multiple voices are leading the singing. We are working on having the church tower bell rung both before and after the service. People online will continue to have breakout rooms following the service. Weather permitting, those who attend in person will be able to greet the celebrant outside in the parking lot following the service.

Currently, those attending online make up about two thirds or more of the congregation for a hybrid service. Even with the restriction of physical distancing in the pews we have not exceeded the limited capacity in the church building. As well, right now, we only have enough volunteers who are willing to come to the church building to run one in-person service per Sunday. Offering more in-person services will be dependent on more people being willing to be in-person tech crew, sidespeople, greeters, and chancel guild.

However you choose to attend the services, we hope that you will continue to find it energetic, Spirit-filled, and connected to God and to those with whom you worship.

*Rev. Maria Nightingale*

## **STEWARDSHIP STORIES**

Our Stewardship Committee is planning an initiative to show the parish how our gifts of time, talent, and financial aid are used and the tangible difference they make, both within as well as outside our community. We feel a great way to do this would be to share examples in SPAN, on the website, and perhaps through Sunday handouts.

Naturally our church committees will be a great source for us but we bet there are anecdotes our parishioners at large would also be aware of. If you have something you feel is worthy of mention please e-mail me at [weedendavid90@gmail.com](mailto:weedendavid90@gmail.com).

*Dave Weeden*

## **EASTER SENIORS' TEA**

We are looking forward to celebrating the Seniors' Easter Tea! The Easter Tea YouTube video will premiere at 2:00 pm on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Tea Party boxes containing Easter favours and goodies will be distributed ahead of time to participating LTC and Retirement homes. The video will still be available to view following the premiere.



One of the things we have learned these past two years is how to adapt old traditions to new circumstances. There is some sadness that we can't gather in person, and yet there have been advantages to this new way of doing things. Debbie Dickie, a wellness co-ordinator at Sheridan Villa wrote: "We are thrilled and will look forward to the next virtual tea. To be honest... the virtual has been a huge success as it can accommodate lots of people in the comforts of their own home. It also works well because we can play it anytime or any day!!" By offering the Tea in this way we have doubled or tripled the number of people we have been able to serve.

As always, the volunteers who make this happen are such a blessing. Thank you to Doris Huggett who made the miniature flower-pot favours, the Prayer Shawl Ministry knitters and crocheters who created little Easter baskets, and all the parishioners who contributed their time to making the video. God bless you all!

## **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER – A ROARING SUCCESS!**

This past February 14<sup>th</sup> saw the fourth edition of Thom and Mary Ellen Wigle's Valentine's Day dinner. We owe them a big thank you for arranging orders and cooking delicious meals (and a shout out to Carol Bailey for making the vegetarian and vegan versions). Once again, they rose to the challenge of pandemic restrictions, creating meals that could be picked up from their home, ahead of time, for consumption on the big day. They even arranged a Zoom meeting to serve as a virtual church hall gathering so that participants could enjoy their food together. Ninety-seven dinners were made and more than \$2,200 was raised for the church. There were lots of compliments for the chefs and requests for recipes! Thank you, Thom, Mary Ellen, and Carol for everything you did to make this such a success.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR UPDATE**

Last fall, in late October, we met for a few weeks to create a handful of recordings for Advent and Christmas. This included participation in a virtual concert featuring handbell choirs from across Ontario.

More recently, on March 16, we were able to meet in person for the first time since early December. It is wonderful to have the handbell choir ringing on Wednesday evenings again!

As with most things these days, we have had to adjust some of the ways that we rehearse. Aside from wearing masks, we are using more tables as we spread ourselves out in the lower hall. We can no longer share music books or pencils, but we can share the music that we create and the joy of being in the same space again. We are working towards music for the season of Easter and looking to add more bell ringing to Sunday morning services.

On a personal note, I am very excited to be starting a musical partnership with Lori. We are looking for ways to incorporate bells and singing and organ together to enhance our worship either virtually or, when possible, in person.

I'm always happy to talk about bells or music in general. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in joining the bell choir, please reach out to me at [mmatterson@rogers.com](mailto:mmatterson@rogers.com).

*Mark Matterson*

## CHOIR UPDATE

How we have all missed singing together. I am grateful for the hardy souls who have been joining me on zoom to collaborate on recording hymns for the Sunday services, and we are in process of creating anthems and music with bells for Holy Week and Easter. I am so looking forward to beginning hybrid rehearsals on March 24. A great debt of gratitude is owed to James Beckwith, who has been an important part of the music team, helping with recording and pulling us together in mixing our recordings. We will be able to hear each other sing in new ways again. It is so meaningful to me to be sharing the music ministry with Mark Matterson. The entire Matterson family has given so much to the music ministry at St. Peter's over the years and I thank Mark for his willingness to welcome me "home" after being away from the music ministry at St. Peter's after 35 years. As we find ways to collaborate we hope you will feel the joy and hope of the coming season of Resurrection.

If you are interested in joining us for any rehearsals, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at [lori.dolloff@utoronto.ca](mailto:lori.dolloff@utoronto.ca).

*Lori Dolloff*

## THE REV. BEVERLEY HARVEY MEMORIAL AWARD

The parish of St. Peter's Anglican Erindale was blessed to have Rev. Beverley Harvey, not only as an active member of the parish, but also as a parish nurse and a deacon who committed much of her time and talent to St. Peter's. Her death in the summer of 2017 was met with great sadness for she made us all feel as though we were dear friends and members of her family. Bev's lasting legacy will be one remembered by service, love, and faith; not only to the Christian community, but also the neighbourhood. To honour Bev, a memorial fund was established for the purpose of recognizing parishioners who are continuing their post-secondary studies in nursing.



### Applicants:

If you are:

- A St. Peter's parishioner, and/or are involved in St. Peter's parish life, and
- registered to attend (or are continuing to attend) a university or college nursing accreditation (RN, NP or RPN)

you are eligible to apply for this one-time \$500 award.

We welcome eligible candidates to submit an application for the Bev Harvey Memorial Fund award by providing the following information to the church office or emailing to [stpeters@stpeterserindale.org](mailto:stpeters@stpeterserindale.org):

1. A brief description (maximum 750 words) detailing your personal, education, and community involvement as well as why you have chosen to pursue a career in nursing.
2. Copy of an accepted offer of admission to, or confirmation of continued enrollment in, the applicable University or College program.

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2022.

## Donors:

If you wish to make a donation in support of the Bev Harvey Memorial Fund you may do this in one of the following ways:

- Provide a cheque payable to “St. Peter's Anglican Erindale Church” (enter BEV HARVEY FUND in the memo line) by mail or dropped off at the church.
- Email money transfer to [giving@stpeterserindale.org](mailto:giving@stpeterserindale.org) (enter BEV HARVEY FUND in the comments section)
- Make a donation to St. Peter's through Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13043> (enter BEV HARVEY FUND in the private message box). Note: you will receive a receipt from CanadaHelps, not St. Peter's.

Donations are tax-deductible and charitable donation receipts are issued at the end of the calendar year.

## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION STUDY GROUP

The Truth and Reconciliation Study Group at St. Peter's was formed last December to learn about issues and opportunities facing Indigenous Canadians, including Native, Metis and Inuit groups. Our goal is to increase our own awareness of Indigenous issues and learn about specific Calls to Action found in the Truth and Reconciliation Report that are related to the Anglican church in Canada and our Diocese.

Additionally, we will be exploring issues to identify opportunities in which our parish may wish to become engaged. We are tasked to follow appropriate training and communication procedures as we work to engage other communities such as groups at the Diocesan and National Church level and local Indigenous groups. Throughout the winter, we participated in a facilitated study of the documentary film, “Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands and Strong Hearts”. The 67-minute film was released in 2019 by Anglican Video with support from the Anglican Foundation and General Synod. The film and study guide can be found on the Anglican Church of Canada website: <https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery/studyguide/>.

The Anglican Journal news report “Documentary unveils colonial legacies”, found at: <https://anglicanjournal.com/documentary-unveils-colonial-legacies/>, outlines the origins and hopes for the production. Our group engages in study, prayer and discussion to learn about the impacts of European colonization on Canada's Indigenous people. The documentary study guide provides facilitated discussion questions for each of the twelve modules in the film. Sessions have been informative and often raise more questions for further research. We use a shared spreadsheet on Google to build a library of written and visual resources that participants have read and viewed.

In mid-April, our study group will focus on learning about issues and realities facing Indigenous Canadians today. We want to learn about the many ways the Anglican Church is responding to and leading change with programs and initiatives. We have invited several guest speakers including The Reverend Leigh Kern, Toronto Diocesan Rights Relations Coordinator and Toronto Urban Native Ministries lead, The Reverend Canon Norm Wesley (retired), the first aboriginal rector of Moose Factory in Moosonee and Professor Lori Dolloff at the University of Toronto to share their work and experiences.

The Reverend Maria Nightingale is a member of the group and serves as our contact person, along with Warden Carol Bailey. Moving forward, we hope to make a few suggestions to them regarding possible parish initiatives. Our zoom meetings take place every other Wednesday. There are a few spaces for newcomers. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

*Bill Matthews*

## **ORDINATION FOR LOUISE**

Many of you will remember Louise Dightam (Simos), a postulant for the Diocese of Toronto who did a placement at St. Peter's in the Fall of 2019, and for most of 2020. We were blessed by her presence, particularly as she helped the Sunday School to transition online during the first months of the pandemic. In our February SPAN we shared the happy news that she will be ordained a deacon on May 1, 2022 at 4:30pm at St. James Cathedral in Toronto.

As Louise wrote: "God has been preparing me all my life to serve in ordained ministry, and so many people have blessed me by being a part of my rather lengthy journey, including all of you at St. Peter's. My heart is filled with gratitude."

She asks everyone for their prayers as she prepares for this wonderful occasion. If you would like to be invited to attend the ordination in person, please contact the church office for Louise's email address. The service will also be livestreamed from the Cathedral. We will provide a link in our weekly parish email much closer to the date.

## **THE REV. JAMES FERRY INSTALLED AS A CANON OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL**

At the conclusion of the Toronto Diocesan Synod in November 2021, Bishop Andrew Asbil named the new Canons of the Cathedral. Among them was The Rev. James Ferry, honorary assistant at St. Peter's. "Canon" is an honorary title granted by the Bishop to those who have given exemplary and faithful service to the Church over many years. We are delighted that Jim received this honour!

The official ceremony in January to install the new Canons had to be delayed due to covid lockdowns. A new date of March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm was chosen. By the time you are reading this article, the celebration will probably have already taken place. Parishioners were invited to attend the service in person at the cathedral, or attend online. The livestream of the service was made available on the Diocese's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/tordio135> and can still be viewed. We also invited people to come St. Peter's to view the livestream as it happened.

Congratulations, the Rev. Canon James Ferry! Thank you for your faithful service to the Church and to the people of St. Peter's.

## **KNOWN AS A FRANCISCAN BLESSING**

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war so that you may reach out your hand to comfort and turn their pain to joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

May the peace of God and the God of peace be with you for evermore

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

*Masks mandatory. Sitting every other pew for distance. No registration needed. Please do not come if you are ill.*

### **Palm Sunday – April 10th**

8:00 am Zoom only  
9:15 am Zoom only  
11:15 am Hybrid Palm & Passion Sunday

### **Monday – April 11th**

9:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live

### **Tuesday – April 12th**

11:00 am YouTube live stream of Cathedral Service Blessing of the Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows; the Rev. Jim Woolley celebrating 50th year of ordination

### **Wednesday – April 13th**

12:00 pm Noon Prayer service on Zoom

### **Maundy Thursday – April 14th**

7:00 pm Hybrid - Foot Washing, Eucharist, and Stripping of Altar

No overnight prayer vigil in church and no Youth sleepover – people are encouraged to pray at home

### **Good Friday – April 15th**

10:00 am In-person only service - Meditation on the Cross, communion from reserved sacrament  
11:30 am Stations of the Cross –in the cemetery following the service

Online option – 12:00 pm - St. James Cathedral livestream

### **Easter Morning – April 17th**

7:45 am New Fire and Blessing the Paschal Candle (Zoom)  
8:00 am Zoom only, no communion  
9:15 am Hybrid  
11:15 am Hybrid

### **Seniors Easter Tea – Thursday, April 21st**

2:00 pm Premiere on YouTube. Can be viewed any time afterwards.

### **Second Sunday of Easter – April 24th**

8:00 am Zoom  
9:15 am Hybrid service – Baptisms  
11:15 am Hybrid service – Baptisms

### **May 1st – Mississauga Marathon**

8:00 am Zoom only  
9:15 am Zoom only  
11:15 am Hybrid service

## WHY PEACE GARDENS HELP PREVENT WARS

It takes one little boy with his terrible war toys  
Making NO FREEDOM for anyone in war We  
do have peace, when we have LAWS

So

Dig a hole in the ground  
Fill it with war toys  
Only buy peaceful toys  
and never consume war again.

Because

Fresh food will be scarce  
And fresh water polluted  
When war breaks out, its easy to see  
How it could spill over the world.

So

Please plant a peace garden at your school  
Start with Universities, secondary  
And all elementary schools and  
Join them with a Path of Peace

So in your peace garden  
Here's what to do

Plant a peace rock or peace tree  
One that comes from your soil  
Plant food that grows in your life-zone  
Plant food for migrating species

So in your community  
Here's what to do

Keep streams and rivers clean for drinking  
Keep the lakes and the ocean garbage free  
Protect all living species where they live  
So the Earth can live in peace.

*Written by Dame Julia Morton-Marr  
22 February 2022  
Vice President Education*

## RITES OF PASSAGE

### *Deaths*

February 1, 2022    Lloyd Mark Greenwood  
March 6, 2022     Byron McLaughlin

### *Weddings*

March 19, 2022    Marianne Lynda Byrne & Thomas Darrell Elliott

## 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:** The Rev. Robert Townshend

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