

LENTEN WORSHIP

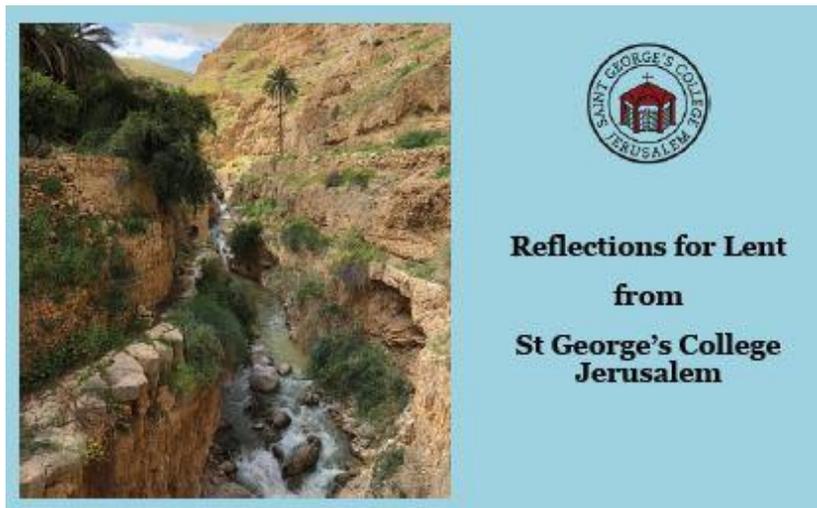
Lent is the church season during which we spiritually prepare for Easter and begins with Ash Wednesday. Although we are unable to distribute ashes this year, we will still mark the beginning of Lent with an online worship service. The service will premiere on YouTube on Wednesday, February 17th at 10am, and can be viewed at any time, subsequent to that date. We will also have a live Zoom worship service on Ash Wednesday. A direct link to these services will be posted on our website and sent out in the weekly parish email closer to the date. Also recommended as spiritual practices during Lent are the Stations of the Cross and virtual labyrinth walks. All can be found on Maria Nightingale's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp4mR6aBF-G-bU2GpKg98og>.

Other services for Lent will be announced in the weekly parish email. (If you're not registered to receive these emails, please see the separate article in this edition describing how to sign up. It's quick and easy.)

LENTEN STUDY

A River through the Desert – A Lenten Pilgrimage

For the vast majority of us, the pandemic has suspended our ability to travel. However, during Lent we have a unique opportunity to travel the Holy Land via the internet and an online course provided by St. George's College, Jerusalem. The six-week program will take us on a journey through the geography of Israel, following Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha.



St. Peter's, Erindale, has been registered as a group, so please email the Rev. Maria Nightingale (associate@stpeterserindale.org) if you would like to receive course materials and/or be part of a Zoom discussion group. You do not need to register individually with the college. The course will take place on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, starting February 17th, although this start date may be subject to change. Here are the themes and a description of the sessions:

- Week 1:** The Desert is the place of Jesus's testing and is the place where we seek the presence of God.
- Week 2:** The Water Well is the place of refreshment which is our Lenten search for the renewal of our lives and of the earth.
- Week 3:** The Mountain is where there are divine encounters and revelations which change our perspective and redirect our lives.
- Week 4:** The Sea is a place of turbulence and of calm where our fears are confronted and our hopes can take shape.
- Week 5:** The Road which Jesus walked becomes the path which we must follow on our own pilgrim journey.
- Week 6:** The Garden is where Jesus seeks the will of his Father and prays for strength; it is where we can meet the risen Christ and live the risen life.

Every session includes:

- ✦ a five minute on site film expanding the theme
- ✦ thought-provoking material on the theme
- ✦ questions for reflection or Discussion
- ✦ striking photos from the Holy Land

Two of these sessions will include a live webinar with the Dean of St. George's College.



ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

We are coming up on having endured a year of our lives being turned upside down by the covid-19 pandemic. Though the popular question is, "What have you learned?" I think it is better to focus on the ways we have constantly adapted, pivoted, and adjusted with each new twist and turn of this illness and the restrictions and changes it has wrought on our lives. I cannot actually say I have learned something new yet, in terms of deep theological or philosophical learning that creates meaning out of difficulty, though I am sure that learning is happening. The skills I can identify and categorize as new learning are just practical things like how to "Zoom", how to upload a video to YouTube, and how to speak clearly while wearing a mask. The best practical thing I have learned during all this is to always brush one's teeth before putting on a mask. Trust me on this one!

Mostly I have been dusting off old skills and putting them to new tasks. I feel like I have not yet come out the other side of the trauma to be able to have the space to process what has happened and how it's affected me. What I have found helpful for my ability to cope is to recognize that my feelings and reactions are coming out of grief, and identifying how I am dealing with those feelings and reactions as part of the grieving process. If we are to move beyond coping to healing, learning, and making meaning of these experiences, we first have to acknowledge what we're dealing with and how we're feeling, and have the space to process it. For every person with whom I've interacted who feels well-adjusted and optimistic at this point in the pandemic, there are at least ten more who are struggling and at the breaking point. Please have compassion, and continue to pray, particularly for students, parents, and teachers, for young people doing minimum wage essential work, for health care workers in all kinds of settings, for those who are extremely isolated, for anyone who does not have the ability to work from home, and for those without paid employment. May God continue to sustain us all.

Maria

MY GLOBAL NEW YEAR WISHES FOR 2021

Inspired by an article she read on the far-reaching impacts of the Covid-19 virus, Julia Morton-Marr submitted the following poem:

Let the 'Poly-Pandemic' fallout from covid-19, be attended to:
May Covid-19 be squashed, and health be returned.
Teach sustainable practices.
Reduce Climate Change.
Introduce alternative methods of teaching.
Let those who lost jobs return to work.
May poverty be removed.
May all people be nourished.
Let there be peace and non-violence on earth.
Insist that leaders care for their populations.



Love to all,
Julia

SENIORS' COMMUNION & TEA

The online Seniors' Christmas Tea was a wonderful, collaborative effort encompassing people of all ages and two parishes. A big thank you to all the parishioners who participated by taping themselves singing or playing Christmas Carols for the sing-along portion! St. Peter's is blessed to have such a talented group of people. We were fortunate to be able to film the worship portion of the video in the sanctuaries of St. Peter's, Erindale, and Trinity-St. Paul. The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena was our guest preacher. One hundred residents from five different long-term care and Retirement homes were registered to participate, and the YouTube video has received over 175 views since its premier on December 21, 2020. Thank you, Lenna McLaughlin, for your dedication and unwavering support of the Seniors' Tea!

As this pandemic and the restrictions to keep people safe continue, we are anticipating that our Easter Tea will also be online. Please stay tuned for ways you can help.

Maria



Nativity ornament favours made by Doris Huggett for the Seniors' Christmas Tea

SENIORS' TEA – MESSAGE FROM LENNA

Hi Folks. Hope all is well with everyone. This has been a really trying time for all, some more than others. Those who are not well and who have been touched by this awful pandemic, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Because of Covid we were unable to have the in-person Seniors' Communion and Tea all of last year. However, we are lucky to have the very talented and dedicated Rev Maria Nightingale amongst us. She was able to arrange virtual access on YouTube for two of the services, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They were simply marvelous and I do hope you watched them. The Christmas presentation was awesome thanks to all who participated with Carols and hymns. Also, a big thank you to all of the people who delivered the packages to the shut-ins and the retirement homes.

Thanks to Rev. Maria Nightingale and her daughter for all the wonderful work they did to make the Seniors' Tea such a success.

St. Peter's Erindale is so fortunate to have such dedicated parishioners. I hope this awful pandemic goes away soon so we can get back to some normality again. Please stay safe; look after yourselves.

Many blessings to you all.
Lenna McLaughlin

CHRISTMAS CARE 2020

The challenges of 2020 have tested our resolve in many ways and Christmas Care was one of them. With the guidance and assistance of Rev. Nightingale and Jean Laduke our program adapted; offering a digital program and in-person drop-off at the St. Peter's office. The digital program was configured to offer a convenient method of donation for those technically inclined and, as a bonus, gave rise to donations from contributors outside of our church community. The program itself departed from our traditional format of gifts, stockings, food and clothing; transitioning to financial and gift card contributions.

Typically, Christmas Care serves approximately 27 families originating from Interim Place, Trillium Health Partners and St. Peter's Erindale. This past Christmas, Trillium Health Partners asked if we could accommodate an additional 9 families, bringing our total to 36. We are pleased to report, through your kindness and generosity, St. Peter's delivered.

By the Numbers:

Families Served:	36
Individuals Served:	108 (adults 58, children 50)
Associations Served:	Interim Place 6, Trillium Health Partners (Oncology) 22, St. Peter's 8
Contributions:	\$14,100 (gift cards, e-transfers, cash)
Contributions by Medium:	Cheques - \$2,010, Cash - \$1,590, Interac - \$4,370, Gift cards - \$2,880, External donations - \$3,250.

The Execution

All cheques, cash and e-transfers were converted to gift cards. Gift Card amounts were allocated proportionately to the person requesting the support, other adults in the household, and children. As an aside, special thanks must go to Walmart Canada; they enabled us to acquire a large quantity of gift cards on short notice. In addition to the gift cards, all families received a gift basket facilitated by the Hobbs family. Deliveries successfully took place on Friday, December 18th.

Thank you

To Jean Laduke for her tireless support throughout the entire program. To Rev. Nightingale for her guidance as we planned the path for a Covid-compliant program. And to all of you who have supported Christmas care throughout the years and to anyone contributing for the first time.

Thank you, stay safe and God Bless everyone.

Roy Hobbs

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL – JOIN OUR LIST

If you're not signed up for this informative email bulletin that includes Zoom links to all of our worship services, please go to our website (www.stpeterserindale.ca) and click on the button that says "Join Our Email List". It's very easy to register; just enter your name and email address in the spaces provided, then click "subscribe". You will be sent a confirmation email which you will need to acknowledge to complete your registration. That's it! It takes only a few seconds to sign up and it's a great way to stay up-to-date!

RITES OF PASSAGE

Deaths

November 27, 2020	William (Bill) Woodside
December 9, 2020	Joseph David Larcher
December 9, 2020	Marion Fleming
December 14, 2020	David Alfred (Kip) Gray

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,

Deacons: The Rev. Clement Carelse, The Rev. Robert Townshend

Wardens

Rector's Warden: James Beckwith

Deputy Rector's Warden: Michael Davies

People's Warden: Carol Bailey

Deputy People's Warden: Ken Baxter

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