

## Rector's Notes

This was supposed to be a lovely little note about resting in the summer and keeping a Sabbath day. It was ready for printing but today I had to hold up the SPAN and try again. While I believe we need to rest, my heart, like many of yours, is wanting to explode with anger, sadness and fear. With every headline that shows children being ripped from their parent's arms, with every person trying to condone this action, or gain political points, or misuse the Bible as justification for this evil, I weep.

It is hard to be the priest and balance the needs and differences in this large congregation. It is a joy and delight, for certain. But it is also very hard. I know that for everything I think, feel or believe is right, there is a person in the pew who thinks otherwise. Sometimes you agree with me, sometimes you don't, and yet we gather at the altar Sunday after Sunday recognizing that we are all the same before God: His beloved children. It is the beauty of being in the Body of Christ. I avoid talking politics, and when I do slip, I hear about it from someone. If I don't speak up, I hear about that too. Today is different. I can't sit in silence on this, worrying about who will disagree.

The Bible does not suggest that we put obeying the law above caring for others. Romans 13 is all about how the previously exiled Jewish community was being restored in Rome and how early Christians were to receive them. Just a few lines after saying to respect the government, Paul sums up his point by encouraging the audience to: "Love your neighbour as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Paul writes, and Jesus says, and scripture teaches us over and over that we cannot separate ourselves as being better than, more deserving of, or more righteous than anyone. We are all one before God. Every life matters. Every. Single. One.

This isn't about politics but about morals and faith. We who claim to follow Christ must speak up. Rev. Nightingale has been writing to leaders in Canada and the USA, ask her for ideas! Read, weep and pray. And then, dear parishioners, honour these families who are torn apart by showing mercy to the foreigner, welcoming a stranger, feeding the hungry and daring to put other people who we do not know above ourselves. We are called to sacrificial love. Not giving until it hurts, but giving until we have nothing left to give. Give mercy. Give compassion. If you find yourself protecting what is 'yours' remember that everything you have is a gift of God. If you find yourself afraid of 'those people', remember that Christ is with our enemies and those we fear because they are different.

Please, please, speak of unity not separation, of ours not mine and of us not me. Dare to live as Christ did, all the way to the cross.

Jennifer

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## Associate's Notes

This article really is about notes – the musical kind. During the summer months, our ministry to people in long-term care and retirement homes continues, and we have our regular monthly communion services at these homes. Most of these services are on weekdays during the day, and I am grateful to the adults who volunteer throughout the year to assist me with these services. It is a fulfilling ministry that brings much joy to the residents. During the summer while they don't have classes, I'd like to also extend the opportunity to high school students with musical talent (instrumental and/or vocal) to accompany me to the various homes. Many of the homes already have keyboards in the worship space, but if you play another type of instrument that's portable (e.g. guitar, violin) or if your instrument is your voice that would also be welcome. This is also a good way to earn required volunteer hours towards your high school diploma. If this is something that interests you and you would like more details, please contact me at [associate@stpeterserindale.org](mailto:associate@stpeterserindale.org) or 905-828-2095 x52 or speak to me in person.

Maria

## **From our Summer Students**

### **Historian**

I'm Matthew Patterson, and this summer I will be working as the church historian for St. Peter's. What does that mean? Well, I'll be working on a number of projects, including developing walking tours of the church, both guided and self-guided, planning the Canada Day festivities, and creating museum exhibits from the Bell Tower Museum which will be available on some Sunday mornings throughout the summer. I want to make the history of St. Peter's better known, and more accessible to the parish, so if you have any ideas, or questions that you want me to investigate, please let me know! I'd be happy to hear your thoughts.

**Matthew Patterson**

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### **Outreach and Office Assistant**

My name is Angelo Fresnedi and I am the office and outreach assistant for St. Peter's Erindale church this summer. As an office assistant, I am doing general office work such as making and taking phone calls. I also ensure that the resources at the church are up to date.

As an outreach assistant, I am more involved with the local community. I assist at the Deacon's Cupboard, the Church's food bank. Tasks involve stocking, organizing, and cleaning the shelves at the food bank. I also help pack the groceries for food bank visitors. This position also gives me the opportunity to communicate with the visitors in a friendly and helpful manner.

My work here at the church has been a great experience and I look forward to continuing my work here in this great environment!

**Angelo Fresnedi**

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### **Camp Director for Vacation Bible School and Interfaith Peace Camp**

My name is Charity Gorman, and I am the St Peter's Vacation Bible School Director for this summer. I have been planning the week-long day camp activities, recruiting eager volunteers (aged 12-18) as well as campers (aged 4-11), as well as assisting in preparation for the Peel Interfaith Peace Camp. I want to help deepen children's connection to their faith and contribute to an overall memorable summer experience. If you have any questions, are interested in volunteering, or interested in your children attending, I would love to hear from you! It is not too late to register and all are welcome!

**Charity Gorman**

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### **Thursday by Candlelight**

We have moved from the dimly lit and holy space of the church, out to the fresh air in the churchyard AND we have moved the services to 8:00pm. Please join us as we gather around the Sproule bench in the cemetery. Bring a lawn chair and let the music of Kristen DiMarco lead you into a calm evening space. The simple and peaceful service is no longer than 45 minutes. Bring a friend and join us.

## Last Night of the Proms

What a fun night! Over 100 people attended our annual concert where we celebrated all things British. The choir did a fantastic job of providing music and the audience sang along. Pints were raised, karaoke played and laughter heard. We look forward to next year's Proms night.

## Organ Recitals finished May 24

Another year of excellent music every Thursday at noon, thanks to our Director of Music Ministry, Clem Carelse. Clem invited in various organists and musicians from around the GTA to play 45 minute recitals FOR FREE. Thank you, Clem and musician friends. We hope to see you on the organ bench every Thursday next fall.

## Victoria Day Tea Party

What better way to celebrate Victoria Day, May 24th than with an organ recital followed by an afternoon tea of sandwiches and desserts? Clem Carelse played the pipe organ and Neil Haddon sang a few solo pieces in the final concert of the noon hour recital season. Amica City Centre provided the goodies and the guests were resplendent in their summer finery and hats for a lovely afternoon of socializing. We look forward to September when a new series of Thursday noon hour concerts will begin.



## Earth Day

On Sunday April 22nd, Rev. Maria Nightingale and Lydia Cordie led a group of seniors and youth through a prayer and meditation in nature as they walked through Erindale Park. It was a time of quiet and reflection that all enjoyed.

## Babytime Show

The weekend of April 27-29 was a busy one for those working the booth at the International Babytime Show. Just over 27,000 people came to the show and 74% of those people were pregnant! That is a lot of baby bumps. St. Peter's had a small booth where we gave our prayer cards and talked to interested people about faith, baptism, forgiveness and love. This year we gave out 999 prayer cards. That means, 999 people, when asked if they would like to have a prayer for their child said YES. This is a ministry that doesn't fill our pews, but it does open the doors for God to do His work in the families who wanted to know more about raising their child in faith. Thank you for the Advisory Board and Churchwardens for their financial support of this outreach and evangelism ministry. Thank you to Rev. Maria Nightingale, Donna Ball, Lisa Feltz and Judy Hutcheson for spending hours at the booth sharing God's love.

## Spring Concert

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 29 we held our annual Spring Concert at St. Peter's. It featured music performed by the St Peter's Handbell Choir, instrumental and vocal solos and very special guests, Boys in B. Boys in B is an all male choir from Cawthra Park Secondary School that is student run and was directed this year by grade 12 students Aidan McConnell and Tyrese Walters. The Boys in B brought a lot of energy into the church and that energy was passed on to the over 170 people in attendance.

A wide variety of music was performed including a Tanzanian folk melody with percussion, French organ music transcribed for bells, songs from Broadway and a piece featuring the singing bell technique.

Fine solo performances were given by Nicholas Gryniewski (voice), Kevin Matterson (trumpet), Trevor Matterson (voice), Alex Wang (piano) and Alex Fordedal (voice).

We hope that all who attended enjoyed the performances and we look forward to next year's concert.

**Mark Matterson, St. Peter's Handbell Choir Director**

## Interfaith Activities

Last summer we joined forces with Solel Synagogue, and Masumeen Islamic Centre to offer an Interfaith Peace Camp for children in our congregations. On the last day, a get-together was held for the parents and children. There were many positive comments from the parents, including a few who wished something similar could be done for adults. Out of this was born the idea for a progressive dinner that would move from one place of worship to the next.

This dinner was held on Saturday, May 5th. We began at the Masumeen Islamic Centre for a tour of the mosque. After sharing appetizers and conversation with one another, it was on to St. Peter's and a dinner of vegetarian lasagna. We finished at Solel Synagogue with dessert and conversation with Rabbi Audrey Pollack and Arlene Botnik, the director of education at the synagogue. At each place of worship, the leaders and congregants explained the basics of their faith to the guests from the other two faith groups. It was a wonderful evening exploring the three Abrahamic faiths and getting to know our neighbours. Although there are differences in theological belief between the three groups, there are also many similarities including a desire for peace, and service to the community. Everyone left feeling more connected to one another.

We will be participating in this year's Interfaith Peace Camp, and on July 26th 2018 St. Peter's will be hosting all of the children and parents from the peace camp for dinner in our hall. If you are able to help, please let Canon Reid know.

## Church School

Hard to believe that once again we have reached the end of another Church School year, time seems to go by so fast! Classes resumed in September and the children had a great time learning Bible stories, doing crafts, activities and games and making new friends.

Our small but mighty team of teachers once again made Church School a fun and welcoming place for the children. Many thanks to Sharmini Arulanandam, Linda Ghirardo and Barbara Nikic for all your hard work and special talents. Special thanks also to Shelby Collier who was there to help the teachers most weeks and to Hayden Spence who always managed to help us out when he was home from university.

We were lucky to have a great Easter event put together by Roshni Dilhara and had many extra helpers to make this work. Thank you to Lydia Cordie and the youth for your part in this!

Church School is finished until September, so we will be running Summer Story Time. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex and we need volunteers to be part of this. If you are able to volunteer for about twenty minutes on a Sunday during the 10.00 a.m. service, story and activity bags are available for your use, or you may do things your own way.

Church School will start again on September 9th (Gathering Sunday) with registration at the same time. Registration is free.

We are going to be starting in September short on teachers. If this is something you might have been considering getting involved with please chat to Gillian Floyd or email her at [gillianfloyd@hotmail.com](mailto:gillianfloyd@hotmail.com). We need teachers and also helpers. You would only need to teach about once a month.

**Gillian Floyd, Church School Coordinator**

**THANK YOU...** To our Church School Teachers and Co-ordinator. We have been blessed with amazing teachers who spend their weekends preparing a lesson, organizing a craft or a game and get down on the floor with the kids to share the love of Jesus. Thank you to Gill Floyd (co-ordinator), Sharmini Arulanandam, Shelby Collier, Hayden Spence, Linda Ghirardo, Barbara Nikic, Lydia Cordie (youth), Charity Gorman (Nursery) for your help, care and love. To all other parishioners: please consider helping the Church School in the fall!

**The Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid**

## **Thoughts from the Museum**

We have a pretty good understanding of our history at St. Peter's, but there's one misconception that we can't seem to shake. Most people believe that in 1886 the wooden church burned down, so the current stone building was put up instead. The reality is that in 1886 the parish simply decided that it was time for a bigger, more proper looking church, and they tore the wooden one down to build one out of stone. So where does the myth of the fire come from? My best guess is that it's simply a mix up based off of another fire. In 1860 the old rectory burned down, and some accounts describe seeing smoke drifting up over the church, since the rectory was right behind it. The cost of building a new rectory put the church into debt, and I suspect that over time people remembered something burning down and having to pay to rebuild it, so they just assumed it was the church. Claiming that the church burned down is also just a more interesting story. It gives us a cool founding myth: we rose from the ashes of the burned down church and built a great stone landmark on the hill. But if someone tells you that the old church burned down, don't believe them! And if you want proof, the spire of the old church is in the bell tower, with no burn marks on it. If you want a tour of the church during the summer, please feel free to book one with me at [matthew@stpeterserindale.ca](mailto:matthew@stpeterserindale.ca), and bring a friend.

**Matthew Patterson, Summer Historian**

## **Summer Camps at St. Peter's**

Looking for something fun and faith-filled for your children to do this summer? Sign them up for one or both of our camps.

## **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

For children ages 4-11, July 9 to 13, 9am-4pm. Cost: \$30/first child, \$20/siblings. Our program this year is based on Superheroes! This camp happens at St. Peter's. We welcome youth and adult volunteers.

**and**

We look forward to this summer's **Interfaith Peace Camp** which will take place July 23 to 26 for children going into Grade 2 to 6. There are a few spaces still available. **Cost is \$75/child**. Registration forms are in the narthex of the church or go to our website to download forms.

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## Rites of Passage

### *Baptisms*

May 20, 2018

Timothy John Amanor Davenport  
Alina Jenae MacDonald  
Benjamin Ross  
Leah Ross  
Quinnton Richard Stanley  
Quinn Elizabeth Tempest

May 27, 2018

Susan Elizabeth Parr Carey

### *Deaths*

March 25, 2018 – Alice Margaret Laidler  
April 7, 2018 – Jean Winnifred Wilson  
May 29, 2018 – David Allan Edwards

### *Weddings*

June 9, 2018 – Mary Frances Cappuccitti & Kevin Daniel Kowbell

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## Clergy

**Incumbent:** The Rev. Canon Jennifer E. Reid

**Chaplain to Seniors:** The Rev. Maria Nightingale

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

**Deacon & Music Director:** The Rev. Clement Carelse

## Wardens

**Rector's Warden:** Claudette Hope-Edwards

**Deputy Rector's Warden:** Rod Lewis

**People's Warden:** Brian Edwards

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