



(cartoon by Rev. Jay Sidebotham)

RECTOR'S NOTES

Advent means coming, the coming of the Lord. While the Christmas movies have already started and Santa is everywhere, we Christians still sit and wait in prayer. We watch, we prepare, we hope and we stay awake, seeking the coming of the Lord to our broken world.

On Sunday December 2nd we will have our Advent 1 services, and at 9:15 am it will be a special celebration of the New Year for the church. At 4pm there will be the beautiful Advent Carols and Lessons service that helps us to keep our eyes on Christ and deepen our focus through this season.

I will certainly be thinking of our Honorary Assistant, The Rev. George Dunkley, as we go through these special days. Sadly, George died on Nov. 10th at the age of 80. His love of all things liturgical, his passion for music and delight in Holy Days will not be forgotten. Nor will his commitment to pastoral care and the Health and Wellness Committee. George was a part of this congregation for most of my time here and I am grateful for all he gave to support my ministry and all of you. We will be remembering George at a Celebration of Life service on Friday December 7th at 1:00 pm at St. Peter's. A reception will follow. His family appreciates your prayers and remembrances and ask that you make a donation to our parish Refugee Fund in his honour. I know the church will be full of music and love at this service in memory of George. It will be a hard time for us to move forward into a celebration of Christmas, but indeed, this is the very reason Christ came. Into our sadness, our dark days, into the midst of our broken lives, God dwells. The birth of Jesus reminds us that God's light and love are always with us. This is the faith that we hold fast too and that George proclaimed.

I look forward to seeing you at the special services and events throughout this holy season. Remember to invite a friend to join you for worship – many people are just waiting to be asked.

Jennifer

ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

I spent a valuable week at Cliff College in Calver, England in September taking a short course in Ministry Among Older People. Topics included knowing the people and resources in the area where you work, the spirituality of aging, pastoral care of people with dementia, and intergenerational work. The course was led by Debbie Thrower, team leader for the Gift of Years and an Anna Chaplain. At the end of the week I had a short visit with my daughter who is studying in Scotland. The whole trip was bookended by two wonderful services with powerful preachers at two different Cathedrals (Manchester on the 16th, and St. Mary's, Glasgow on the 23rd).

Back at St. Peter's we had two intergenerational Youth/Seniors events this fall. Please see articles about Cooking with the Bible and Bells of Peace. We are also looking forward to the Seniors' Christmas Tea. Details about the upcoming event can be found in this edition of SPAN. We will miss the Rev. George Dunkley who used to play the piano for the Seniors' Teas and who had a wonderful ability to get everyone singing.

Maria

“PIE-A-PALOOZA”

Many hands make light work or so the old adage says. This was certainly true on Friday evening, November 2 when a wonderful group of bakers, peelers and corers came together to bake fabulous Spy apple pies to freeze for the St. Peter's bake sale. Thanks to all who participated!

Apples from St. Jacob's Market and a tried and true Mennonite recipe produced a bounty of perfect pies just for your ovens. This event hopefully will be the start of baking fun where all are welcome – novices to experts – for fun, fellowship and friendship! When we bake together, we pray together and then we grow together.

Submitted by Nora Langan



COOKING WITH THE BIBLE

On Saturday, November 3rd we had another opportunity for Youth and Seniors of the parish to connect with one another. We cooked and ate foods inspired by the Bible, then everybody pitched in to wash the dishes and clean up the hall afterward. The food was delicious, and it was wonderful to see everybody interacting with each other. This is an event many hope will be repeated, so stay tuned for dates of future events in 2019.



BELLS OF PEACE

St. Peter's participated in a Legion and Veterans Affairs Canada event called Bells of Peace in which they requested that places of worship ring their bells 100 times at sunset on November 11th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, the agreement that ended the First World War. We wanted to make this an intergenerational event, so we gathered with our altar servers and those who had served in the armed forces. We watched a short video, had a time of conversation and getting to know one another, prayed for peace, read *In Flanders Fields* and *For the Fallen*, then at sundown we began ringing the bell. Members of the community came to listen to the bells as well. Kevin Ball did a great job facilitating the conversation and making sure the young people understood not only what we were remembering, but the importance of remembering as well. Thank you to all the altar servers and the veterans who attended this event and made it so special.



WHAT IS FAITHWORKS?

FaithWorks is the annual appeal of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto building communities of compassion and hope. As followers of Jesus, we reach out our hands in loving service offering help and hope to people in need.

FaithWorks feeds, shelters, nurtures and befriends over 30,000 people in our community and around the world every year. Since 1996 FaithWorks has provided more than \$24 million to Anglican-affiliated ministries. Our parish was one of the first to make a commitment to FaithWorks and we have been a strong supporter of it since it was founded. Through it we support local ministries like the Dam and the Bridge and we also support the excellent work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

This month our parish made a special \$2000 donation to FaithWorks which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a generous supporter in our diocese. We hope you will consider this need as you look at your finances. If you are able to make a donation you can make your cheque payable to "St. Peter's" and put FaithWorks in the memo line or on your envelope. Our goal each year is to give a minimum of \$15,000 to this amazing program.

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD RELIGIONS

"In 1893, the city of Chicago hosted the World Columbian Exposition, which served as the birthplace of the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions. Held on the shores of Lake Michigan, the World's Parliament of Religions marks the first formal gathering of representatives of Eastern and Western spiritual traditions. Today, the 1893 Parliament is recognized as the birth of formal interreligious dialogue worldwide. A variety of spiritual leaders from around the world came to share their perspectives and engage in dialogue. A captivating Hindu monk, Swami Vivekananda, addressed 5,000 assembled delegates, greeting them with the words, "Sisters and brothers of America!" His declaration introduced Hinduism to America. Buddhist, Jain, and Muslim speakers were also present at the gathering. An unprecedented number of 19 women spoke at this Parliament from various spiritual backgrounds, signaling the beginning of a global interfaith movement." (PoWR website - <https://parliamentofreligions.org/>).

Toronto hosted the 7th such gathering this November and St. Peter's was invited to take an important place in the meeting. Amongst the over 500 lectures and forums, surrounded by hundreds of exhibits, we had the task of offering a Christian booth for children to learn about our faith. With the help of Kim Tucker, Jean Laduke, Lisa Spence and Diane Wilton (from Toronto) we invited children to Fish for Faith. Peter Pook created a sign post for us and it pointed to a 'fishing pond'. The children used little rods to bring a fish out of water and learn how the early Christians used the Ichthys as a secret sign of belief in Jesus. They made beaded bracelets with a fish bead, got their faith passport stamped and picked up a handout with the basics of Christian beliefs. On November 6 hundreds of school children from the Toronto area came through the Parliament and learned about various traditions.

The Anglican Church of Canada also had a booth in the exhibit hall, and having never done this before, relied on our parish for help and advice. We set up the flooring, table and chairs, display boards and coached the volunteers on how to use the time and space. Over 10,000 people from around the world came through the event. Thank you to all who helped us to be there.



GIFT OF GIVING

WORLD OF GIFTS: The **2018 World of Gifts** features new possibilities. See them at <https://pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts/> or Google PWRDF.org and click on World of Gifts at the top of the page. Your gift of \$50 for a bicycle repair kit will keep five community health workers rolling.

For a green thumb on your list \$50 will buy farming tools including a rake, wheelbarrow, watering can and hoe to help farmers in Africa grow healthy food.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year send PWRDF Christmas cards. For a donation of \$20 or more receive a pack of 12 cards in thanks and a tax receipt. Pick them up after 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Nov. 25 or contact Lillian (905 823-5939, newbery.timson@sympatico.ca). You can also order online at PWRDF.org for home delivery or call 416 924-9199 ext 318.

CHRISTMAS CARING AND SHARING

Share the joy of Christ's birth by caring for people who struggle financially and want to celebrate Christmas too. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting on Dec. 2nd. You may choose to sponsor a family with food, gifts, or cash donations. You may also offer to be a deliverer and take the gifts to families on Saturday December 22nd. The Hobbs family continues to oversee this important ministry. Every year we help over 30 families to have a good Christmas. Please be a part of this program.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS TEA

Older adults in the parish are invited to join us for the Seniors' Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 20th at 2pm in the Parish Hall. We welcome our friends from surrounding long-term care and retirement homes for a time of fellowship and worship. It all begins with a sing-along, followed by a communion service, then tea, sandwiches, and sweet treats. VOLUNTEERS are also needed to make sandwiches, cookies, or squares, and to help serve our guests. Many hands make light work, and your efforts are so appreciated by our guests. Please contact Priscilla Larcher (905) 567-0065, Lenna McLaughlin (289) 232-1979, or Rev. Maria Nightingale (905) 828-2095 for further information.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Come share in the story of Jesus' birth! Any child who wishes is welcome to put on a costume and join in the Christmas Pageant at the 4pm service Christmas Eve. Costumes for angels, shepherds, magi, and animals are provided. Youth and adult assistance is required to help children get into costume prior to the start of the service. Please contact Rev. Maria Nightingale (905) 828-2095 or associate@stpeterserindale.org to volunteer.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WINE AND CHEESE

Join Canon Reid in the lounge on Monday December 31st from 2-4 pm for a drop in Wine and Cheese event. It is our third year of celebrating together the end of a year and the beginning of something new. Food and drinks are supplied, just come for a bit and greet one another. It is also a chance to drop off last minute donations to be counted in your 2018 givings!

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The ACW will hold a Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 10th in the Church Hall. It will begin at 12:00 noon with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments followed by a catered holiday buffet. All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. Please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Payment can be made to Polly Pook or Jean Laduke. The deadline to sign up is December 3rd.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed at 12:00 noon on Monday, December 24 and reopen at 9:00am on Thursday, December 27, 2018. It will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

SPECIAL ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Sunday, December 2	4:00 pm Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 16	7:00 pm Christmas Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve, December 24	10:30 am, 4:00 pm (Christmas Pageant), 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and 11:00 pm
Christmas Day, December 25	9:00 am
Christmas 1, December 30	8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am

rites of passage

Baptisms

November 4, 2018

Ian Derek Smit	Savanna Newton-Ramroop
Ronan Jules Smit	Luke Andrew Azan
Amory Ramroop	S.A.C.
Brandon Newton-Ramroop	Faith Margaret Shirley Enair
Jaden Newton-Ramroop	

November 10, 2018

Jodi Caroline Fowles	Jennifer Gail Fowles-Thomas
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Deaths

October 2, 2018 - Katherine Bartolotta
October 9, 2018 - Olwyn Tweedy

Weddings

November 4, 2018 – Mackenzie Taylor Walsh & Ian Derek Smit
November 9, 2018 – Sandra Leigh Hutton & John Alan Healey

Clergy

Incumbent: The Rev. Canon Jennifer E. Reid

Chaplain to Seniors: The Rev. Maria Nightingale

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

Deacon & Music Director: The Rev. Clement Carelse

Wardens

Rector's Warden: Lucy Hart

Deputy Rector's Warden: Rod Lewis

People's Warden: Brian Edwards

Deputy People's Warden: Harry Timson

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