



RECTOR'S NOTES

Happy New Year to you all. The prophet Isaiah said:

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth. While I have confidence in God to do new things, I often find myself holding on to the past, because I know it and have comfort in it. Even the bumps in the past serve as a reminder that I have survived. A whole new year and new things, while exciting, can also bring a feeling of trepidation. What will this year bring? Will we have good health? What will happen at work, in our homes, in our world? We hope for the good but are aware that anything can happen. But through Isaiah God declares that a new thing springs forth. Can we trust that God is doing something good tomorrow? Isaiah encourages us to see our experience of God's grace in the past as a springboard so that we don't fear the present or future but live with expectation. The God who sustained us yesterday will see us through today and guide us into tomorrow.

As I look to this year ahead, I am eager to see what God will do here at St. Peter's. With new families connecting with our parish, a confirmation class in process, and baptisms and weddings being planned, we see new life and growth in faith all around us. I am also looking forward to a Sabbatical time this spring/summer. Bishop Anderson and the churchwardens have agreed that I might take 3 months for study, rest and refreshment. I will begin my leave on April 24th and return August 19th. My plans for the sabbatical have not been fully formed yet, but will include some writing, a bit of travel and lots of reading with a pot of tea beside me. June 1 will be the 30th anniversary of my ministry at St. Peter's (with 4 years away from 1991-1995) and this sabbatical will give me a chance to recharge and come back with a renewed vision for my ministry here with you. I am extremely grateful for the support of the wardens allowing me this opportunity to grow and refresh.

What will spring forth for you this year? Whatever comes I pray that you feel God's presence sustaining and guiding you. May the new things ahead bring you peace and joy.

Jennifer

ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

Epiphany is the time in the Church year when we remember the wise people who came to visit Jesus and honoured him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. I like to use Epiphany as a time to reflect on the gifts of time and talent the people of St. Peter's have given to honour God. There are so many valuable ministries in which people engage at St. Peter's. Sometimes they are quiet and "behind the scenes" type ministries, but they make a big impact on the souls they touch. I am particularly grateful for the work of the women and men who put together the Senior's Teas, those who helped run the Christmas pageant at the 4pm Christmas Eve service, those who assist with services at long-term care and retirement homes, the pastoral care visitors, home communion ministers, and those who faithfully serve in the prayer corner each Sunday.

I wish you a joyous new year and look forward to sharing with you in the ministry at St. Peter's that honours God and touches souls.

Maria

SENIOR'S COMMUNION & TEA

We had another fantastic year of events for the seniors in our community. The Senior's Communion & Tea was celebrated in our church at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's always a pleasure to see the seniors enjoy themselves; eating, sipping tea, and joining in the singing of favourite songs, carols, and hymns. The knowing smiles on their faces tells you the joy these events bring.

Special thanks to the clergy, Jennifer and Maria; to the music by Clem & Shirley; the setup guys, David & Graham; the drivers, Doris Huggett (who makes the favours), the bakers, the sandwich makers, and a special thanks to all the ladies who work so tirelessly to make these events go so well.

Thank you, everyone, for a wonderful year. Many blessings and a happy 2019 to all. Hope to see you at our next "Tea" at Easter!

Lenna McLaughlin & Priscilla Larcher



2018 CHRISTMAS CARE SUMMARY

2018 marked the 31st anniversary of Christmas Care; previously known as Caring and Sharing. For the past 16 years, our family has been proud to continue the program passed on by The Penwills; and with your support, look to continue in the years to come.

This year, 27 families were provided Christmas items for 20 children and 57 adults. Trillium Health Centre and Credit Valley Hospital Oncology departments connected us to 13 families; Interim Place, 6 families; St. Peter's, 8 families.

Interim Place is a long-established Peel Region abuse centre that facilitates shelter for mothers and their children. Christmas Care has assisted the Mississauga branch for more than 2 decades. The Oncology departments of Trillium Health Centre and Credit Valley Hospital are recognized for their outstanding treatment for cancer patients and their support for them and their families.

Your support of Christmas Care has enabled us to contribute much needed gifts, food and clothing for many families impacted by this dreadful disease and ease the burden so often felt at this time of year. St. Peter's assistance has brought joy to many struggling patients and their families who, in some cases, are dealing with a terminal diagnosis or are very young parents. Christmas Care has even been an uplifting initiative for hospital staff who have a special bond with many of their patients. In particular, this year Christmas Care provided much needed assistance for one young chemotherapy patient who, despite being told otherwise, successfully gave birth to a baby girl.

For recipients requesting help directly from St. Peter's, all are extremely thankful for your support. Over the years, we have come to know many of these recipients who experience life's challenges and can tell you they are exceedingly grateful and gracious with their appreciation for your gifts.

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas Care either by delivering to families, or providing gifts, food and much needed funds. A special thanks to Jean for her help in fielding calls and a source of administrative guidance. And, of course, thank you for Jennifer who continues to be our inspiration.

The Hobbs Family

MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS EVE, 2018



DEACON'S CUPBOARD – SUMMARY 2018

We're extremely grateful to everyone involved in the running of the Deacon's Cupboard. Our results are now in for 2018 and they indicate we are up about 5% over last year, in terms of food distributed; with about the same number of guests as 2017. It was also the eighth consecutive year in which we gave out more than \$100,000 worth of supplies. Looking forward into 2019 we are on a trend which will see us welcome our twenty-five thousandth (yes, 25,000!) guest. A more detailed summary of our activity appears on the next page.

Deacon's Cupboard: Summary 2018



	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Change 2018/2017</u>
What are the major results?							
- Total Guest Visits	1,811	1,742	1,812	1,765	1,738	1,735	-0.2%
- Number of occasions open	53	54	55	56	55	55	0.0%
- Average guests per occasion open	34.2	32.3	32.9	31.5	31.6	31.5	-0.2%
- Average sales per occasion open at Retail prices	\$ 2,040.65	\$ 1,919.85	\$ 2,038.01	\$ 1,824.44	\$ 1,850.85	\$ 1,938.63	4.7%
- Total Sales at Retail prices	\$ 108,154.50	\$ 103,672.00	\$ 112,090.80	\$ 102,168.80	\$ 101,796.50	\$ 106,624.50	4.7%
- Total Weight of supplies distributed (tons)	45.8	43.9	47.5	43.3	42.1	42.9	1.9%
How dependent are our Guests on us?							
- # of Guests making 5 or more visits in year	161	151	160	149	143	148	3.5%
- # of Guests making 10 or more visits in year	62	62	65	77	78	76	-2.6%
- # of Guests making 25 or more visits in year	1	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
- # of Guests receiving over \$200 worth of supplies in year (Retail prices)	198	191	194	174	169	171	1.2%
- # of Guests receiving over \$400 worth of supplies in year (Retail prices)	122	111	125	109	118	121	2.5%
- # of Guests receiving over \$600 worth of supplies in year (Retail prices)	60	57	73	72	68	64	-5.9%
How far did our guests come?							
- Average distance (miles) traveled by guests (one way)	2.75	2.48	2.51	2.58	2.52	2.53	0.4%
- Furthest distance (miles) traveled by guest	11.93	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	6.7	-48.7%

HEALING FROM LOSS GRIEF GROUP

Will be held on Mondays, January 14th - February 11th, 2:00-3:30pm. A five-week program to help those grieving the loss of a family member or friend in the first few years after the death. No cost. An evening group has been added at 7:00pm on Mondays, beginning on January 21st and running until February 18th. Please contact Rev. Maria Nightingale at (905) 828-2095 x52 or associate@stpeterserindale.org to register.

COOKING WITH THE BIBLE

Back by popular demand, an afternoon of cooking and sharing for Youth and Seniors. Whether you came last time or you were sorry you missed out, please join us on Saturday, February 23rd from 11:00am-2:30pm. We prepare foods inspired by Biblical stories, learn a bit about the stories they came from and some Christian spiritual practices, and enjoy the meal we have prepared together. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the beginning of February, or contact Lydia Cordie stpetersyouth14@gmail.com or Maria Nightingale associate@stpeterserindale.org for more information and to register.

PANCAKE SUPPER!

Please join us as we re-visit a traditional annual favourite; our Pancake Supper on Shrove **Tuesday, March 5, 2019.**

Serving **from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

Tickets will go on sale in mid-February and we ask that you purchase them in-advance:

Adults: \$7.00; **Seniors & Children:** \$5.00; **Family (4+):** \$20.00

See you there!

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT - SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2019 – 7PM

Music to be announced – Please keep an eye on the bulletins for further details.

Tickets are **priced** at \$20.00 and will be **available in early March.**

HELP THE PLANET - REDUCE PLASTICS USAGE

Have you heard of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch? It is a floating patch more than twice the size of France, made up of an estimated 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic weighing about 800 tons. Did you know that it can take 1000 years for a plastic bag to degrade? As awareness grows about the detrimental effects of plastics on all forms of marine life as well as the planet at large, people are searching for ways to clean up the mess and halt the further use of plastics. You and I can help simply by reducing plastics usage in our own lives wherever possible. For instance, use reusable bags at grocery, department and other stores rather than the plastic bags they offer. Instead of buying plastic bottles of water, fill reusable non-plastic containers with your own water. When shopping for produce bring your own reusable produce bags rather than choosing items with plastic packaging. For other items choose recycling-friendly glass or cardboard packaging rather than plastic containers. Don't use plastic straws. Pack kids' lunches in reusable containers and bags using fresh and bulk items rather than single serving plastic packaged items.

You might have other ideas for reducing plastic usage either at home or at St. Peter's and I'd love to know about them, as well as any other earth friendly tips we could implement. Email me at robertsonc@sympatico.ca. The official Earth Day celebration for 2019 is April 22, but here at St. Peter's, EVERY day is Earth Day!

Cathy Robertson, Parish Greening

ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO – CONGRATULATIONS JOAN, BILL, AND CATHY!

Three of our parishioners - Joan Higginbottom (nominated by our parish) and Bill and Cathy Matthews (nominated by the Archbishop) - were amongst a group recently recognized by the Diocese of Toronto for their outstanding work and commitment. Quoting from the Diocese' website:

The Order of the Diocese of Toronto, an award created in 2013, honours members of the laity in the diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. We give thanks to God for the work and witness of these faithful people who, in the exercise of their baptismal ministry, have demonstrated that “their light shines, their works glorify.” In 2018, the recipients came from the following deaneries: Eglinton, Huronia/Tecumseth, Mississauga, and Oshawa. They were presented with their medallion at St. James Cathedral, Toronto, on January 1st.

Joan Higginbottom, ODT

St. Peter's (Erindale)

Ms. Higginbottom was nominated for her excellence in leadership, her commitment to the prayer and worship life of her parish and her ongoing volunteerism in the life of the Church. She broke gender barriers, becoming the first female churchwarden, lay Eucharistic minister and reader. She offers wisdom and shines with God's love in all of her baptismal ministry. She is an excellent example of faithfulness to all.

Bill Matthews, ODT

St. Peter's (Erindale)

Mr. Matthews was nominated by the Archbishop for his long and dedicated service to both his local parish and the life of the diocese. As a long-time member of St. Andrew, Scarborough, he served as a churchwarden and key layperson. Now at St. Peter's, he is a dedicated diocesan volunteer and has successfully coached several parish selection committees with grace and hope.

Cathy Matthews, ODT

St. Peter's (Erindale)

Mrs. Matthews was nominated by the Archbishop for her continued dedication to ministry in her former and current parishes as a key layperson, and at the wider diocesan level. A skilled diocesan volunteer, she brings wisdom, grace and insight to coaching various parish selection processes.



TRAVELLING MAGI ADVENTURES



The Magi began their adventures by going to England with Jeanette Kew. They visited churches, pubs, and even a home named Samarkande which is named after a city on the Silk Road through which the original Magi would have traveled. Upon their return to Canada they stayed with the Ward family where they helped decorate the home for the holidays and hung out with the Elf on the Shelf and some Nutcrackers. From there they went to Burlington with Angelique where they watched the Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse movie, took a hike to Hilton Falls (spotting a porcupine), and warmed up by a bonfire. They returned to Mississauga and stayed with the Spences where they were forced to go shopping at Walmart with Lisa. Gary took them to play hockey in the evening followed by a very Canadian gathering of players for a celebration. While with the Spence family they did some grocery shopping, delivered food for the Christmas care program, and shared a family dinner. Then it was off to the Petersen home where they joined the girls in a craft project, went to Costco, and then to a playground. They visited neighbours and really enjoyed the Christmas lights on the houses around them. They then visited the Trakas family where they joined in the New Year's Eve celebration at the Piatto restaurant where they enjoyed ringing in 2019 and sang Auld Lang Syne. The Magi had a few days to rest after such a busy time but by January 3rd they were back traveling and went to Oakville to visit Denise who just turned 100. They shared in Christmas communion and heard the story of Jesus' birth written in Luke's gospel. The next day they went with Renée and Gareth to Ripley's Aquarium where the Magi were fascinated by the sharks and sea turtles. Finally, on the morning of January 6th they returned to St. Peter's to join the Holy Family in the crèche and worship Jesus.

Thank you to all who participated in the adventures of the Traveling Magi. The Magi are already looking forward to their adventures next Advent and Christmas!



CHANCEL GUILD - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Have you thought about getting more involved with the church (perhaps as a New Year's resolution!) but weren't sure how to go about it? Perhaps the idea of meeting new friends and being part of a great team sounds like fun? If so, then we have a volunteer position for you!

The Chancel Guild is responsible for the reverent preparation of services for Sundays, funerals and weddings and for the care of the brass, silver, crystal and linen involved in the services and for the church sanctuary itself. We are also responsible for decorating the church for the various festival seasons.

We work in teams of five or six. Each team is 'on' for two consecutive weekends every two months. You'll need to be available for Saturday morning set-up and on Sunday morning you would cover the service at the time you usually attend. If you travel, not a problem. Working on a team means there's always someone to fill in for you; or you can conscript a member from another team.

We are hard working yet very social and would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join our dedicated Guild.

Please contact Lisa Spence at lisalspence@rogers.com

rites of passage

Baptisms

November 10, 2018

Jodi Caroline Fowles
Jennifer Gail Fowles-Thomas

January 13, 2019

Olivia Chloe Anita Phillips
Sabrina Perdue
Veronica Elahi
Emma Elizabeth Healey

Deaths

November 10, 2018 – The Rev. George Albert Charles Dunkley

November 15, 2018 – Jean Lindsay McMaster

December 3, 2018 – Arthur William (Bill) Mason

December 14, 2018 – Myris Doreen Pearce

Weddings

January 12, 2019 – Gabriela Maria Stafford & Rowan Alexander DeBues

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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