



ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

Happy Birthday! The Feast of Pentecost is often known as the “birthday of the Church” because this is when the first followers of Christ felt empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out and spread the gospel beyond their hometowns. We see the fruit of the first disciples’ labour in that Christianity has spread to all parts of the globe, though the Church has much to repent for in terms of the way it was spread historically. Our baptismal covenant calls us to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being” and we have seen this happen powerfully in different events of the past few months at St. Peter’s. We have joined with the residents of a variety of long-term care and retirement homes to mark the days of Holy Week; we have welcomed older adults for song, worship, and fellowship at our Easter Seniors’ Tea; we have welcomed people in baptism and we have said good-bye at funerals; and we have seen how even horrific acts against people of faith in distant countries can draw us together to proclaim to the world that we will support one another and stand together in friendship and peace. We held Lenten studies that helped us dive deeper into understanding the Eucharist, and to explore some of the Lenten and Easter hymns we sing. During our Lenten and Easter sermon series we have also learned about practicing a “rule of life” called the Way of Love which is meant to deepen and strengthen our spiritual lives. The spiritual practices are expressed in seven simple words: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest. A summary of the sermons on these practices is below. Our incumbent, the Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid, is currently practicing rest during her sabbatical. She will return to St. Peter’s on August 17th. Please continue to pray for me while I serve in her absence.

Maria

SUMMARY OF THE WAY OF LOVE – PRACTICING A JESUS-CENTRED LIFE

The Way of Love is the rule of life suggested by the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

A rule of life is “an intentional commitment to a set of practices that provide guidance, rhythm and inspiration for living a beautiful, meaningful and holy life.”

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/way_of_love_introduction.pdf

Seven simple but profound words name those practices: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest. A video summarizing this rule of life, as well as more information can be found on the Episcopal website at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org>

What follows is a summary of the seven practices and the sermons preached during Lent, and on the second Sunday of Easter at St. Peter's:

Turn

Turn away from evil and turn toward good. God is the source of our being, our energy, our strength. We turn toward God like a sunflower turns toward the sun so that it can grow. Turning away from evil and toward Christ is rooted in our baptismal vows. Jesus shows us how to turn toward God, by placing our relationship with God ahead of the desire for all material goods and power. At the 9:15am service Rev. Maria Nightingale gave sunflower seeds to the children to plant in the spring so that in the summer they would have a visible reminder of turning toward God. Scriptures preached on: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.

Learn

Learn about God, particularly through the study of scripture. Scriptures preached on: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Matthew 5:1-6 There are many devotionals and Bible studies that can help in this endeavour. Forward Day by Day is available in the narthex. The practice of Lectio Divina was suggested in the 9:15 bulletin with links to the following websites:

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/lectio-divina-beginners-guide>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/scripture-engagement/lectio-divina/home>

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/lectio-divina/>

The Rev. Canon Bill Kibblewhite spoke about the writings of Henri Nouwen and Herbert O'Driscoll as being particularly helpful to him. Teachers, pastors, and fellow Christians can also help us in this task of learning. The purpose of learning is to discern what God is calling us to do so that we can go into the world to practice the commandment to love and serve others.

Pray

Daily individual prayer. Scripture preached on: Luke 11:1-10.

Build your prayer life every day. The Lord's Prayer gives us a model for what to include in our prayer. Remember the acronym ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. Persistence in prayer means to not only say words, but to act as part of prayer. For example, not just pray for someone who is sick, but visit too.

Worship

Gathering with other Christians for prayer and to celebrate the Eucharist. Scriptures preached on: Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 24:13-35. The point of worship is about giving extravagant love to God, it's not about us or directed toward us but toward God. The “Road to Emmaus” passage provides a

framework for Christian worship: we gather, Jesus meets us in the brokenness and pain of human life, we read and discuss scripture, we have a meal (Eucharist); and we go out and tell others.

Bless

To live my life as a blessing to others in the decisions I make and the way I choose to think, speak and act. Scriptures preached on: Philippians 2:5-11, John 12:1-11. Each service had a different speaker, all recipients of organ donation. They spoke of how their lives had been blessed by the people who donated the organ to them and the support they received from family, friends, and the people of St. Peter's.

Go

To go beyond the walls of the sanctuary of the church and serve others as Jesus did. Scripture preached on: Luke 19:28-40. To "Go" into the world is an invitation to go beyond the boundary of our "comfort zone", to listen with humility to others, to meet them where they are, to demonstrate God's love and compassion, and to work toward healing and reconciliation in the world in which we live. Becoming "Christ-like" and being the "hands and feet of Jesus" in the world (St. Teresa of Avila).

Rest

Taking time apart to rest and renew the soul. The ancient practice of Sabbath rest. Scripture preached on: Genesis 1:31-2:3 We are human beings, made in the image of the Ultimate Being, God. In God, we have a role-model who embraces rest as both necessary and holy. We need rest in order to have the energy to practice the other six spiritual practices in the Way of Love. See the short video on Rest on the Episcopal website for further discussion of why this practice is important to our spiritual well-being and ideas for how to practice it.

RING OF PEACE



On April 28th, Jewish and Muslim people stood around our church prior to the 11:00am service, forming a Ring of Peace. It was a show of solidarity and support in response to the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka; horrific acts that targeted Christians on the holiest day of the church year. Previously, Christians and Muslims have formed similar rings around synagogues; as have Jews and Christians, around mosques in response to other horrific, anti-Semitic or Islamophobic acts. Yet, in spite of the horrible reason that prompted this latest gathering, I can't help but think that in the very act of coming together as people of faith, we see, personified, the message of Easter. In standing together in

friendship and peace, we say that hatred and violence do not have the final word! Terror and death do not have the final word! It says to those who would try to divide and conquer along the lines of religion that we will not be divided. We will support one another.

Adding to the powerful message of the Ring, part way through the service our new friends joined us for worship and, later, for coffee hour. (Thank you to the coffee hour team and all those who pitched in to help providing refreshments for larger than expected numbers!) I am grateful for the hospitality that everyone showed. Wonderful conversations took place during this time of fellowship and, as well, an invitation was extended to an Iftar meal at the Anatolia Mosque on May 22nd during Ramadan.

These interfaith acts of support and friendship give me hope.

SENIORS TEA



We had another fantastic gathering at the Easter Senior's Tea. There were sixty plus visitors from four retirement homes and, of course, our own centurion, Jean Rutherford, and many others from our parish.

It was a lovely gathering as everyone had a good time, eating all the delicious sandwiches, cakes and cookies provided by our parishioners. Bravo to everyone who made this such an enjoyable time for our visitors.

Thank you, all, for your continued support of these events.

Blessings to everyone; enjoy your summer and we will look forward to the next tea at Thanksgiving.

Lenna McLaughlin

THE ERINDALE CHURCHES BLOCK PARTY

On May 4th, the churches of Erindale United, Mennonite and Presbyterian and St. Peter's joined together for music, games, fun and food. A great time was had by all!



3RD ANNUAL INTERFAITH PEACE CAMP

For the third year in a row, St. Peter's will join with members of the Solel Congregation of Mississauga and Masumeen Islamic Centre for the Peel Interfaith Peace Camp.

Taking place August 19th to 23rd, Jewish, Christian and Muslim children from Peel will come together to learn about their shared Abrahamic heritage and celebrate being children of faith. We'll play, learn, and make wonderful crafts. Most importantly, new friendships will be formed as we learn about our similarities and what makes us unique.

Registration is open and we are also looking for adult and teen volunteers to help with the camp. For more information or to register online visit: <https://www.stpeterserindale.ca/children/>

WHAT'S IN A NUMBER? "3-1-1"

Last edition we featured an article on "2-1-1"; an integrated telephone and internet-based system service available in Peel providing callers with one-stop information and referrals to local community, social, health and government programs and services. Recall that "2-1-1" might be used, for instance by:

- An individual looking for legal assistance.
- A newcomer to Canada looking for available housing options.
- A caregiver for an elderly parent feeling overwhelmed and needing support.
- Etc.

What is 3-1-1? Simple access to municipal information.

The 3-1-1 telephone service is a partnership between the cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Region of Peel to provide Peel residents with a single window of direct access to local municipal government programs and services. It's free and available in your language.

What are some examples of 3-1-1 calls?

- Location and hours of libraries
- Registration for parks and recreation programs
- Queries on local events
- Requests to book health clinic appointments
- Queries on animal services
- Queries on building permits
- Reports of missed garbage collection
- Queries on water bills
- Queries on property taxes

How is 3-1-1 different from 2-1-1, 4-1-1 and 9-1-1?

- 2-1-1 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel
- 3-1-1 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Peel
- 4-1-1 is for directory assistance from the local telephone company
- 9-1-1 is for life threatening emergencies or crimes

In a future issue of SPAN we'll provide tips to avoid unnecessary use of "9-1-1" which, unfortunately, is a real issue.

Note: The Region of Peel website (<http://www.peelregion.ca/contactus/311.asp>) was the source used for this article. It includes much more detail on the benefits of the service. If you don't have a computer, don't fret; just punch 3-1-1 into your phone and you'll be on your way to being better informed about available services.

Rites of Passage

Baptisms

April 7, 2019

Samantha Audrey Woudenberg

William Jack Woudenberg

April 28, 2019

Evan James Corrigan

Mikael Ji-Sung DeGuzman

Joshua Tyson McBean

Weddings

April 27, 2019

Amanda Lynne Scott & John William Alexander Entwistle

Deaths

March 22, 2019 – Nora June Elaine Waterman

April 4, 2019 – Charles (Chuck) Burt Piercey

April 6, 2019 – Leo Jefferson Delpech

April 7, 2019 – Camron Courtney Barnett

April 20, 2019 – Laurence Walter Burr

May 1, 2019 – Mary Virginia Pallett Smythe

May 23, 2019 – Denise Blyth

Clergy

Incumbent: The Rev. Canon Jennifer E. Reid

Associate & 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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