

RECTOR'S NOTES

It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces upon my return to the parish mid-August. I have really enjoyed my Sabbath rest and appreciate the support of the congregation for giving me the opportunity to step away for four months. Maria, Clem, Jean, Bill and so many others took on extra work to enable me to be away. Thank you to all of the staff for your support. There is no quiet time at St. Peter's, but no one expected so many deaths to occur during my Sabbatical. Maria was a compassionate and loving pastor to many of our parish families throughout. Thank you, Maria.

I know that many of you are wondering how I spent my time. A big chunk of it was rest. I hadn't realized how tired I was until I stopped, so I sat and read many books and drank a lot of tea. I also worked on some writing, I visited with some friends, worked on my golf game (which needs years more work), I took a course in Marriage Therapy and received a certificate for counselling; and then Gordon and I had a marvellous vacation in the UK. It was a time of healing, fun and learning, so a very productive break.

I missed our 24th annual Vacation Bible School week but I heard, both from participants and volunteers, that it was a wonderful time. Our summer students did an excellent job of programming and almost 40 children participated in the camp. Thank you, Charity, Hayden, and Angelo for providing this week of church fun for the children. During August, I participated with the Peel Interfaith Peace Camp for the third year. Along with Masumeen Islamic Centre and Solel Synagogue, we explored the three Abrahamic faiths and built relationships with our neighbours. Our focus this year was 'Hospitality' and we learned how important a concept that is for each faith.

September in the parish brings a great deal of activity. In my absence we did not get the Events Calendar published. Please keep an eye on the bulletins, website and eblasts for updates and happenings in the church. We will have our Gathering Sunday services on September 8th at 8 and 10am. Following the 10am service there will be a BBQ (thank you to our 1st Erindale Scouts for overseeing this) and then we will have our annual vestry meeting at 11:45am. For those new to the parish, our Vestry Meeting is when we review the last year, make plans for the next one, look at finances and elect/appoint the leadership teams. Everyone is welcome to attend and engage in the life of the parish on this important day.

I look forward, with renewed energy, to the Fall and to seeing what God leads us into together.

Jennifer



ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

By the time you are reading this the Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid will have returned from her four-month long sabbatical, rested and relaxed, and full of wonderful ideas! It has been an honour, privilege, and a good learning opportunity for me to serve as priest-in-charge while she was away. No one works alone, and this parish runs on the practical work, the donations, and the prayers of its members. I could not have done my work without the wonderful support of this parish. I particularly wish to thank Jean Laduke, the Rev. Canon Bill Kibblewhite, the Rev. Clem Carelse, and the wardens: Brian Edwards, Lucy Hart, Rod Lewis, and Harry Timson, who kept things running smoothly and were always there for advice when I needed it.

Although summer seems to be a quieter time of year, a lot was happening around here! In June, we enjoyed the Last Night at the Proms concert, and the Diocesan Cricket Tournament, as well as a fun celebration of Pentecost with flame-motif cupcakes. We hired three students through the Canada Summer Jobs program who helped organize our annual Patronal Festival and Canada Day celebrations, VBS, and Interfaith Peace Camp. They also provided support for the office and the Deacon's Cupboard, and music planning for our fall Thursdays by Candlelight and Thursday afternoon concert series. Our refugee committee, headed by Karen Hatch, welcomed the Habachieh family to Canada. Pastoral care continued throughout the summer with home and hospital visits. There were a few weddings and a lot of funerals. We were blessed with a number of special guest preachers in June and July from both near and far.

During the past four months, I very much appreciated your words of encouragement and your prayers, particularly because this was the first time I was in charge of a parish. And now I happily return the responsibility back to Jennifer!

Maria

REFUGEE FAMILY



It was a warm and heartwarming night at Pearson airport as members of the refugee committee welcomed the latest family of newcomers sponsored by three Anglican churches. Tearful with gratitude and tired after a 20-hour journey, Rudain Habachieh and his wife Badiah Murad exclaimed astonishment at their welcome.

We have reason to be proud of our federal government representatives as they greeted the family by name. Two immigration officers, a Customs official, and a police officer welcomed them to Canada.

“Rudain and Badiah said they cannot believe a country could be this welcoming to strangers from a totally different place as all their previous experiences (in Saudi Arabia where they fled from war in their homeland Syria and in Turkey) were so different,” said Claudette Edwards, one of three from St. Peter’s who met them in the terminal. “There were no ‘stranger’ moments,” she added. “We all hugged and laughed and talked as if greeting beloved family members again.”

Elder son Laith was thrilled to see his name on Claudette’s welcome sign and the parents later vowed to keep the sign forever. Laith and his little brother Elias were charmed with the water painting set and big ring of plastic keys chosen for them by Margaret and Eleanor Petersen, daughters of committee members Sarah and Andrew.

Cathy Robertson and Lillian Newbery drove the family to their temporary home. They are staying with Rudain’s brother Aiham. Cathy said, “Laith, before falling into a deep sleep on the drive from airport to apartment, was a very chatty young man, totally fluent in English. Baby Elias has a head of curly hair and a round face and looks just like a cherub.”

“Rudain looks and sounds like his brother (who worked with the refugee committee) and, like Aiham, is gracious and grateful for all we are doing to help them in their new life. He was overwhelmed with gratitude for all the gifts and furnishings that our sponsorship group provided for them. Badiah is lovely as well and cried ‘happy tears’ over their good fortune to have met kind and welcoming people who care so much about them.”

On a grocery shopping trip two days later, Rudain told Lillian that the couple intends to support their new country by purchasing products produced in Canada. Two days later the committee received a thank you email from Badiah. He wrote:

“We would like to thank you all for everything you have done and are still doing to support us. We really appreciate everything, all the details you thought about and all the help you provided us made me cry. It is the first time for us to meet such a great, kind people like you.

I would also like to thank you for the nice gifts you left for us with Aiham. This is so kind of you I really don't know what to say. . .May God bless you all. Many thanks again."

"They are a lovely family and so ready to work hard and do everything needed to make their life here everything they have dreamed of," said Cathy. "I feel very positive about what lies ahead for all of us!"

The refugee committee is chaired by Karen Hatch, who also led sponsorship of a previous family from Syria. The committee was aided by expert advice from the Anglican United Refugee Alliance, which holds a private sponsorship agreement with the federal government. St. Peter's has been instrumental in sponsoring refugees since the 1970s and has welcomed newcomers from Vietnam, Chile, Angola, Afghanistan and Sudan, among others.

Parishioners and committee members from St. Peter's, St. Thomas à Becket, and St. Hilary will have a chance to meet the new Syrian family on Sunday, September 8 at a barbecue following the 10 a.m. service at St. Peter's.

Lillian Newbery

SENIOR'S TEA

The Senior's Communion & Tea is always an excellent event for seniors to meet and share stories with each other and just to have a wonderful time away from the homes. The Easter event went very well, with sixty visitors in attendance plus many of our own parishioners.

Thank you, all, for your continued support and to the folks who give their time and talent to help St. Peter's provide this valuable service to retirees in and around the parish.

Thank you to the clergy, music providers, Doris, David, Graham, and all the ladies in the ACW group for your dedication in making this event such a success.

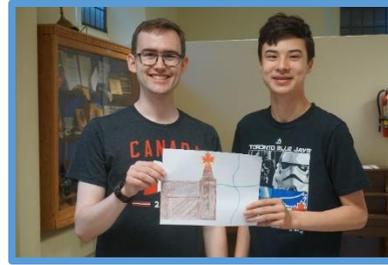
We are looking forward to seeing you all at the next Senior's Communion Tea on October 17th to celebrate Thanksgiving.

We hope your summer was an enjoyable and safe one.

Kind regards,

Lenna McLaughlin

CANADA DAY



We enjoyed food, games, and butter tart and flag-designing contests following the 10am service on June 30th. Thank you to Hayden Spence and Angelo Fresnedi for organizing such a fun event, and to all the volunteers who helped run the various activities!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The theme of this year's VBS was space exploration. Through Bible stories, games, crafts, music, and drama we learned the many ways God's power working in us can do far beyond what we could ask or imagine. Thank you to our camp director, Charity Gorman, summer students Hayden Spence and Angelo Fresnedi, and all our volunteers for a wonderful trip To Mars and Beyond. Lots of fun was had by all of our VBS campers!

INTERFAITH PEACE CAMP



Throughout the five-day camp, campers learned about different faiths and how the concept of hospitality applies to them. New friends were made as campers visited a church, a mosque and a synagogue, and participated in fun activities as a group. On August 22, campers visited St. Peter's and learned about our Christian community and faith from Canon Jennifer Reid. We thank all those who helped run the camp and look forward to building our relationships with our neighbouring faiths in the years to come!

CHURCH SCHOOL

Starts again September 15th at the 9.15 service. It is held in the downstairs classroom and is for children age 3 to Grade 5, with Grade 6+ attending Youth Group and those under 3 (or not quite ready for a classroom setting) going to the nursery on the main floor. Children can come straight into the classroom as they arrive at church and will return to the service shortly before Communion.

Please register your child either online at <https://www.stpeterserindale.ca/church-school-registration-form-2019/> or fill out a registration form from the table in the narthex.

Looking forward to our new school year!

Gillian Floyd, Church School Coordinator

BIANNUAL WINTER OUTERWEAR COLLECTION IS COMING!

As a new school year begins and summer starts to fade in our rear-view mirror many people begin planning for the approaching winter months. While doing so please consider cleaning and mending any good condition winter coats, boots, mitts, scarves, or hats that you no longer wear or that your children have outgrown. St. Peter's and the other Deacons Cupboard (DC) sponsoring churches will begin collecting these items from mid October to distribute to DC families in November. In years past, donated children's items in adequate condition for re-use have not been sufficient to meet the DC children's outerwear needs. Monetary donations to help us overcome this anticipated shortfall would be very helpful. Any parishioners who would like to assist with the outerwear distribution during November please contact Cathy Robertson at robertsonc@sympatico.ca for more information.

Cathy Robertson, Parish Greening

MEET AND GREET - OR GREET TO MEET?

We have a great team of Greeters who welcome everyone as they enter St. Peter's every Sunday and I thank each and every one of them. A big thanks goes out to Shakila Jayawardena - a regular greeter at the 11am service, and one of our originals when this initiative was launched. Shakila recently retired from our team. Please welcome John Marsh - our newest greeter at the 9.15am service. Thank you, John, for your willingness to help!

We have plenty of greeters for the 9.15am service; however, we would like to add some new members to our team for 11am. If you would like to become a greeter and meet some of your fellow St. Peter's family, please contact me at h_barton06@sympatico.ca.

Hilary Barton

SEPTEMBER 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12th of Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM Holy Communion	2 LABOUR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3 2:30 PM Spiritual Director	4 9:00 AM Deacon's Cupboard 9:00 AM Spiritual Director 2:00 PM Spiritual Director	5 10:30 AM Spiritual Director 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Scout Leaders meeting 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 10:30 AM Fitness Class	7 9:00 AM Chancel Set up 12:00 PM Wedding Shower
8 13th of Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Communion Blood pressure clinic after services 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15 AM Gathering Sunday BBQ 11:45 AM Vestry Meeting	9	10 9:30 AM Museum Committee 6:30 PM Girl Guides	11 9:00 AM Deacon's Cupboard 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	12 10:00 AM Deacon's Cupboard General Meeting & Sexual Misconduct Workshop 12:15 PM Organ Recital 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Candlelight Service	13 10:30 AM Fitness Class	14 9:00 AM Chancel Set up
15 14th of Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Choral Eucharist 10:30 AM Health & Wellness Committee 11:00 AM Choral Communion	16 TV Crew – Lunch & Holding (All Day)	17 6:30 PM Girl Guides	18 9:00 AM Deacon's Cupboard 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	19 12:15 PM Organ Recital 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Candlelight Service	20 10:30 AM Fitness Class	21 9:00 AM Chancel Set up 10:00 AM Chancel Guild Meeting Advisory Board Retreat
22 15th of Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Choral Eucharist 11:00 AM Morning Prayer	23	24 6:30 PM Girl Guides	25 9:00 AM Deacon's Cupboard 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	26 12:15 PM Organ Recital 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Candlelight Service	27 10:30 AM Fitness Class	28 9:00 AM Chancel Set up 6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal
29 16th of Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Choral Eucharist 11:00 AM Choral Communion	30 5:30 PM Deacon's Cupboard					

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 6	9:15am Service	Blessing of the Animals
Tuesday, October 8	7:00 – 8:30pm	Bible Study begins (every 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday of the month)
Thursday, October 17	2:00 – 3:30pm	Seniors' Communion & Tea
Saturday, October 19	9:00 – 11:30am	Health & Wellness Presentation on Mental Health

rites of passage

Baptisms

August 25, 2019

Mia Coley

Bryson Xavier Ryan Edwards

Novalynn Faith Lee Gray

Adalynn Elena Patricia Kanofski

William John Edward Silvester

Raina Grace Liana Sosa

Weddings & Blessings

June 22, 2019

Tabatha Eugenia Munro Kerr & Francisco Javier Dios

July 27, 2019

Semone Afrecia Thomas & Calbert Carleton Carty

July 27, 2019

Nora Williams & James Platt

August 24, 2019

Jessica St. Barbe Sladen & Kevin Joseph Bernard

Deaths

April 3, 2019

David Lexington Layne

May 30, 2019

Walter Edward Ward

June 7, 2019

Irene Beatrice Moore

June 17, 2019

Philip Harber

June 22, 2019

Hazel Theadosia Hasfal

June 28, 2019

Margaret Avis Jay

June 28, 2019

Jeanne Edith Rutherford

July 6, 2019

Rhonda Romaine Beck

July 19, 2019

Robert (Bob) George Sanders Penwill

July 19, 2019

Arthur John Collins

August 10, 2019

Peggy Lee Pound

August 14, 2019

Edgar Calford Chensue

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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