



The **Church of St. Peter** and **St. Simon-the-Apostle**

Fridge Notes • Announcements

January 7, 2018

Welcome to St. Peter & St. Simon: If you are a newcomer, visiting for the first time or a parishioner we are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you after the liturgy.

Church school takes place during the 10:30 am service. Children will gather at the font during the opening hymn.

Coffee hour takes place after the 10:30 am service - please join us; and if you would like more information about our parish life please speak with our priest or one of the greeters. You can also fill out the information form in the pew and give it to a sides-person, or put it on the offering plate.

We appreciate your givings and remind you that in order to receive a tax receipt your envelope number or name & address should accompany all donations. Also, please do not leave your valuables unattended.

Pre-authorized giving (PAG) forms are available at the back of the church; this is a great way to support our ministry. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Wardens. Thank you for your support.

Pastoral Care is available for the home-bound parishioners, those in hospital and for other spiritual needs. Please contact the office if you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our Lay Pastoral Visitors or Father Geoffrey.

Sunday, January 14:

Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Workshop with lunch 12 noon Free Parish Hall SPSS will be conducting one such workshop for volunteers and parishioners. All parishioners involved in volunteer ministries considered medium- or high-risk are required to take the diocesan sexual misconduct workshop every three years. If you're a volunteer who has never taken this workshop, or if your three years have passed, you are very welcome to satisfy the requirement by attending this workshop. If you're not sure whether you should attend, please ask Father Geoff, and if you're simply interested or curious, please feel free to come along.

Readings next week January 14, 2018 Choral Matins

Old Testament *1 Samuel 3.1-10*

Epistle *1 Corinthians 6.12-20*

Holy Gospel *John 1.43-51*

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON

Wednesday, January 10: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury

11 am – Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing (in the Chapel)

Sunday, January 14: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am Holy Eucharist celebrated from The *BCP*

9:30 am Coffee & Conversation discussing the readings of the day.

10:30 am Choral Matins

12 noon Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Workshop with lunch **Free**

Looking Ahead: February 4-15: Pilgrimage to Holy Land

Sunday, February 25: Annual Vestry

Last Tuesday of the Month: 6 pm Candlelight Evening Prayer Service

A Word from the Rector

“Growing in Christ” is the name of the diocesan strategic plan that sets the course of ministry in the diocese over the next five years. The areas of focus are: Leadership and Formation; Trust and Culture; Innovation based on Evidence; Stewardship and Resources. Information about the plan is available on the diocesan website. I raise this now because we are looking ahead to focus our ministry and it seems to me that some if not all the areas of focus connect with our parish. We have discussed the need to develop a new mission statement for St Peter’s and St Simon’s. I would like us to adopt and adapt the name of the strategic plan. “Growing in Christ” is precisely what we are about as a faith community: growing through worship, community life, outreach and learning, and as a newly amalgamated parish we must focus on this together. **Growing in Christ – Together** is an appropriate mission for us at this time - please let me know what you think.

On Sunday, January 14th I have been invited to preach at St Jude’s Wexford to celebrate the 10th ordination anniversary of their priest and my long-time friend The Reverend Greg Carpenter. I will get back to SPSS as quickly as possible to join in the Responsible Ministry workshop.

Sunday, January 21st is the Sunday we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are participating in the pulpit exchange again this year. The Reverend Neil Young from St Andrew’s United will be here, I will be at Rosedale Presbyterian and The Reverend Wes Denyer will be at St Andrew’s. Happy New Year!

Geoffrey+

Diocesan Events

Save the date: vestry motion workshops

The Social Justice and Advocacy department will be holding half-day workshops in each episcopal area to educate interested parishioners about the 2018 vestry motion on housing and homelessness. Anyone interested in learning more about the issue and engaging their parish in advocacy is invited to attend:

- Trent-Durham: Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Saviour, Orono, 23 Mill St., Orono.
- York-Scarborough: Jan. 13, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole, 80 George Henry Blvd, Toronto.
- York-Simcoe: Jan. 20, time and location TBD
- York-Credit Valley: Jan. 20, time and location TBD

Learn more about the vestry motion on the [Social Justice and Advocacy page](#).

Keepers of the Water Vigil, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto. This annual service, co-sponsored by the Toronto Urban Native Ministry and the Creation Matters subcommittee of the Diocese of Toronto, represents a confluence of Christian and Indigenous traditions to bless the sacred gift of water and mourn human complicity in polluting this gift. It is an occasion for prayer, lament and thanksgiving. All are welcome.

Lay anointers invited to training weekend

A training weekend for lay anointers will be held Feb. 9-11 at St. John's Convent, 233 Cummer Ave., Toronto. A limited number of rooms have been reserved, and commuter registration is also available. Clergy who supervise lay anointers in attendance will be asked to attend a supervision session on Feb. 10. [Register online](#) or contact the Rev. Jo-Anne Billinger, chair of the Bishop's Committee on Healing, at j.billinger@rogers.com for more information. Space is limited.

York-Credit Valley hosts town hall follow-up

Bishop Jenny Andison is inviting all interested clergy and laypeople to a follow-up to the York-Credit Valley September town hall. This gathering will take place on Jan. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Dixie, 719 Dundas St. E., Mississauga. Participants will identify ministries and activities they feel God is calling them to invest in and brainstorm concrete steps to undertake in 2018 to move them forward. [Register online](#) or see the [York-Credit Valley page](#) for more information.

Jubilate! Newsletter The Easter Issue of the church newsletter, Jubilate!, will be published during the first week of Lent which starts February 14. Please address all articles, pictures and letters to the editor to peggyneedham@sympatico.ca before the deadline which is January 28.

World Day of Prayer 2018 - please make a note in your diary that the World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, 117 Bloor Street East at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 2nd. Further details will be forthcoming.

In your prayers this week, please remember . . .

Anglican Cycle: *The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia*

Diocesan Cycle: *Archbishop Colin Johnson*

Kevin, Bishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: *Christ Church, Bolton, its support for community outreach services and the Pikangikum Water Project; for Christ Church, Brampton, its support of local outreach ministries, including Regeneration, Knights' Table, and the Ste Louise Outreach Centre; and for Christ Church, Campbellford, its school breakfast and lunch programs, its weekly dinners, its Deacon's Cupboard and its support of Warkworth Hospice.*

Parish Prayer Cycle: *G. Ghebreslase, Dennis Gittens, Beryl Gollop, William and Catherine Graham, Charlotte Graham*

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Services 8:30 am Service Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10:30 am

1st Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

2nd Sunday – Choral Matins

3rd Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

4th Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Contemporary)

Sunday Evensong – As Announced

Last Tuesday of the Month – Candlelight Evening Prayer

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