



Jubilate!

*A newsletter for parishioners and friends of
The Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle*

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St. Peter and St. Simon – Remember the Early Church!

The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

If you like a good read, take a look at the Book of Acts known also as the “Acts of the Apostles”. The book covers a period of about 30 years (AD 30-60), from the birth of the Church on the Day of Pentecost to the close of Paul’s imprisonment in Rome. Acts describes the spread of Christianity around the Northern Mediterranean through present day Syria, Turkey and Greece, to the heart of the Roman Empire. The two main characters are the Apostles Peter and Paul who work tirelessly and often against all odds to establish churches and instruct the faithful. On their journeys they encountered people of many cultures who were open to the Good News of Jesus Christ, though the message was also met with hostility, persecution, shipwreck and imprisonment. As the new young churches were established they went through challenging times of transition and change with the need to pay particularly careful attention to their new life together. In that context the early Church was established and grew to spread across the whole world thanks to the example of the Apostles and those first faithful followers of Jesus and the

work of God through them.

We are at a new time in the life of our parish. Two older communities have come together to make this new community of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle. We are a bit like those early churches in the book of Acts, working together, getting to know each other, listening, giving and taking so that we can be faithful witnesses of the Good News. This is an important time of transition for us as we get settled together and move our ministry forward. Some people are wondering “What’s the vision”? I bring us back to the Catechism in the Prayer Book. To the question “What is the Church?” we answer, “The family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit”. And to the question, “What is the work of the Church?”, the answer: “The work of the Church in the world is to offer to God on behalf of all people the worship which is his due; to make known to all the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and to unite all to God in one family”. That’s a tall order and a lot to expect! It was for the early Church and

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it is for us, and we rely not just on our own gifts and talents, hopes and concerns, but most importantly on the grace of God.

We have a dynamic worship life, offering to God the praise he is due with beauty and reverence. There is a passion here for social justice to help the marginalised and oppressed; and there is a keen desire for Christian learning and Christian community. It is important this year that we build on these strengths and in so doing to focus especially on building our Church School so that we can better meet the needs of families with young children. It is also important for us to pay attention to our community life and communication so there will be some events to help us with that. But it is important that we don't fall into the trap of busyness for the sake of it; that we move on with our ministry aware that we must listen to each other and to the prompting of God who will lead us not just to be a stronger maybe even larger community, but into the Spirit of truth – the truth of God's mercy and love revealed perfectly in Jesus Christ. That is our mission and must shape our vision. The example of the Apostles, especially Peter, Paul and Simon is the example of courage, faithfulness, passion -- to know Jesus and make him known. May we listen attentively to each other and to God in the confidence that he will help us follow our faithful forebears as witnesses to Christ in our own time and place.

A Note from the Wardens

Mary Martin

The Wardens would like to laud and thank all those people who have contributed to the first edition of Jubilate, the St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle newsletter and, in particular, Peggy Needham, Editor. The newsletter is a benchmark against which we can assess the health of the newly amalgamated parish. The enthusiasm and interest shown by the submission of names for the newsletter and the number of articles submitted for publication reveal a collective desire to communicate with each other and move forward as an amalgamated and cohesive new congregation.

Peggy also edited St. Peter's Keys, the newsletter of the former parish of St. Peter. As the parish moved through an administration, the amalgamation and the ultimate closing of St. Peter's Church itself, the newsletter was a beacon for the congregation. The final newsletter, full of recollection, reflection and reassurance for a Christian Community that was moving on, softened the collective grief. In the same way, we hope that Jubilate! will inspire the congregation of the new parish of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle to continue as a singular, caring community able to look both inwardly at itself and outwardly into the community at large.

Social Justice Vestry Motion on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

Diane Marshall

Our parish will have an opportunity to support Indigenous issues at our upcoming Vestry meeting February 26, through a motion to Vestry. Please read the piece that will appear in the Vestry report. This motion gives us a way to support one of the 94 “Calls to Action” of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s report, and to live into our calling as Christians to seek reconciliation with our Canadian indigenous neighbours.

Coming Together

Fran Brown

It was truly amazing how it all came together! As one of the St. Peter’s people, I could not visualize how the many special and historical St. Peter’s items could be incorporated into St. Simon’s. The vision and expertise of Spencer Higgins and the openness of the St. Simon’s congregation was wonderful. It is heart warming to enter the church and see these items -- from the baptismal font, the missionary plaque, the war memorials and other historical plaques and memorabilia, the candle holders, to the lectern and the altar. Just opening a hymnal or book of prayer and recognizing the dedication adds to the sense of belonging. There are other items from the sacristy and the kitchen, as well as the 27 memorial chairs. A special cupboard has been adapted by Fen Nanton for the many boxes from the archives, and places are being found for various other items. One of the most recent additions is the placement of the

large wooden cross in the stairwell. How comfortable it looks there!

Another huge thank you is for Elisabeth Jocz, who organized the archives and arranged for the placement of many important historical items at the Diocese. I would also like to thank Malcolm Jackson, a willing partner, along with his van, in moving archives to the Diocese and to the new Church of St. Peter and St. Simon and for his advice and help.

Finally, a grateful thanks to Reverend Geoffrey and his guidance throughout the amalgamation process, along with the wardens and amalgamation committee.

With the grace of God, the two parishes are now one.

The Mid-Week Eucharist

Marjorie Philip

The mid-week Eucharist is a highlight of my week. Over the course of my life, I have been an active member of at least ten Anglican churches from the highest in Princeton, New Jersey, to the lowest in Sydney, Australia, and everything in between. I have always been able to adjust and actively participate in whatever form of service is available to me.

As much as I enjoy the “bells and whistles” the rich music, the anthems and at times the incense, having been brought up as a child in this tradition, the simple mid-week Wednesday Eucharist is the one that sustains me. The simplicity makes it intimate and intensely personal, and one is able to focus in depth and to fulfill the

command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

It is especially meaningful to share this commemoration with the same 8 to 10 people each Wednesday and to be in fellowship with them over a light lunch afterwards.

Faith inspires and sustains my work

Diane Birch

Many know that I am a registered dietitian working for Healthiest Babies Possible in Toronto Public Health.

Our program helps moms with food insecurity by supplying them with gift certificates to grocery stores to help buy the foods we recommend to improve their diet. Women on OW (welfare) rarely have enough money to buy food. We offer nutrition counselling and financial help.

I specialize in the homeless pregnant women. They may be in a shelter or living on the street. Most are suffering severe emotional mental health issues or drug addictions or alcoholism.

Most in my field will not work with this population, but I love this work. Why? Because I find Christ in all of them. Christ told us we will not recognize Him when he pointed out, in a response to questioning, "I was naked and you clothed me, hungry and you fed me ...".

Each day I am blessed with the opportunity to grow my faith through the care for my clients.

I am comfortable with street people as I

ask myself, "Could this be Christ?"

Too dirty! Too hungry! Not if you look at them as important to Christ.

Unfortunately, I will be retiring in the next couple of years (I am already past retirement age), but I hope to carry on in some way with volunteer work and advocacy for these marginalized women.

In past years, I have worked in Northern Ontario with communities like Attawapiskat and Kasheschewan, providing nutrition counselling programs for native women who are pregnant, who have diabetes, or who have other diet related conditions. Most have food insufficiency and nutrient deficiencies.

My moms' babies are usually apprehended which is like the death of a child for a new mother.

My motto has always been "Those that are the hardest to love are the ones you have to love the hardest."

A Shelter Resident's Life

Larry Krotz

Every morning, like many of the rest of us, "J" leaves home to go out into the world. For him though, home for the past five years has been the St. Simon's Shelter.

As many will know, the basement of what was then called St. Simon the Apostle in 1989 was the first Out of the Cold site in Toronto for homeless men. A decade later, the service was expanded to year-round and funded by the City of Toronto.

The church became landlord for something that grew in size and reach. Today 62 beds are filled every night, one of them by “J”.

As is the routine for all shelters, residents of St. Simon’s have to be out during the day. At 6:30 lights come on. At 7 o’clock is breakfast, a hot one four days a week and cereals and continental fare the other three days. The morning news is shown on the television, the weather being especially important for those who will be on the streets for the day. At 8:30 everyone leaves supplied with a bag lunch. The challenge is to find something to do. Some set up at the near-by Toronto Reference Library, and a few even have jobs. One young man prepares food for the lunch program at the Church of the Redeemer at Bloor and Avenue Road. At 4:30 they return for supper at 6:30, games and television, and lights out.

“J”’s daily routine used to include searching for work, but after an infection that severely damaged his lungs slowed him down, his days are passed mainly in a coffee shop. He finds a discrete corner, pulls out his laptop, accesses wifi and, fuelled by numerous cups of coffee, reads and learns, writes and surfs. “Before I know it, 4:30 has come.” For “J”, his laptop is precious, that and \$15 a month spent on a card for his ancient mobile phone keep him both occupied and connected.

There are 62 unique stories at the shelter. “J”, a quiet, polite man worked for 22 years for Nortel Networks as a fiber-optics installer ‘traveling the world.’ When that communications giant famously went under, he was one of

15,000 employees abruptly out the door with no pension. He landed a job for a couple of years with another company that also collapsed. After that he remained unemployed watching his savings deplete. Finally, “when you have no money left to pay the rent, your landlord doesn’t want to see you.” In 2012 he moved directly from an apartment into the St. Simon’s Shelter.

Despite the fact that some have virtually made it their home (two gentlemen have been there for seven years, even longer than “J”), Bob Duff, executive director since 2002, emphasizes that it is “triage”, an emergency shelter. About half of the residents have mental health or addiction issues (which Duff equates). Others have just fallen out of the mainstream world.

“J”’s fortunes have taken an up-turn recently when, at 65, he became eligible for his OAS pension. He banks at a local TD that has partnered with the shelter to provide services. There may even be an apartment in his future if he can find one that suits his budget. Is it hard to live with so many other humans so close? “I shut my eyes and go into myself.” Will he be lonely living in an apartment of his own? He doesn’t believe so. He might miss, though, “having a staff you can talk to and trust.”

Choir visit to the UK

Robin Davis

In July of 2016, the St. Simon-the-Apostle Choir travelled to England to sing as the choir in-residence at two cathedrals, Lincoln in Lincolnshire and Chester in Cheshire. During this 12-day trip from

July 5-17, we sang Choral Evensong, Matins and Eucharist services as we celebrated the roots of our rich Anglican tradition and joined in fellowship with our



Photo taken after our Choir's final service in Lincoln Cathedral.

brothers and sisters in these two communities. This tour followed those by the then St Simon's Choir of men and boys to other UK cathedrals including Westminster Abbey in 1972, 1978, 1988 and 1991.

We were joined by a small group of parishioners, guest singers and partners with a total of 34 participants. We are immeasurably in the debt of Fr Geoff who stepped in at the last minute when we found ourselves short of a bass lead due to an unforeseen passport situation.

The trip was a resounding success on all fronts with many wonderful memories. The choir was very well received and appreciated at both cathedrals. Many thanks to everyone who supported the effort through our fundraisers to make the trip possible. Thank you also to our choristers and organist Johan, who gave up their holidays and most who paid their own way. There are two You Tube videos with live recordings on the choir's

Facebook page which can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Choir-of-St-Peter-St-Simon-Anglican-Church-formerly-St-Simon-the-Apostle-1432796636964958.

You'll need to scroll down till you see the videos and click the "play" arrows. To best appreciate the sound headphones are recommended.

We are hoping to be going back to the UK in 2019 and looking into possible host cathedrals. If you'd like to take part in this effort, please speak to Robin Davis.

Congratulations!

On 2016 Feb 5 after church, the choir and friends celebrated a baby shower for mom Alex Gilbert, dad Rees Pepperell, and baby Eleanora and for expectant parents Elena and Carlos González.

Rees is a member of our bass section and



Shower celebration for two choir families.

Carlos is our tenor lead. Our prayers will be with Carlos and with Elena who is due at the end of March.

Christmas Celebrations 2016

Malcolm Jackson

This year several members of our new congregation participated in the Babe-in-the-Barn pageant at the Riverdale farm.

Lesia Wasilishin was on the organizing committee for this annual event which was started years ago with the encouragement and participation of The Reverend Gordon Finney, a former Incumbent of St. Peter's.

Carol singing was led this year by Robin Davis and a couple of regular Cabbagetown carolers. We hope next year to attract several more voices from parishioners of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.

The following pictures were submitted by Frank Hillis for this edition of the newsletter in remembrance of the first Christmas celebrated by the amalgamated congregations of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle:



Photo by Frank Hillis.



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Special Music for Ash Wednesday

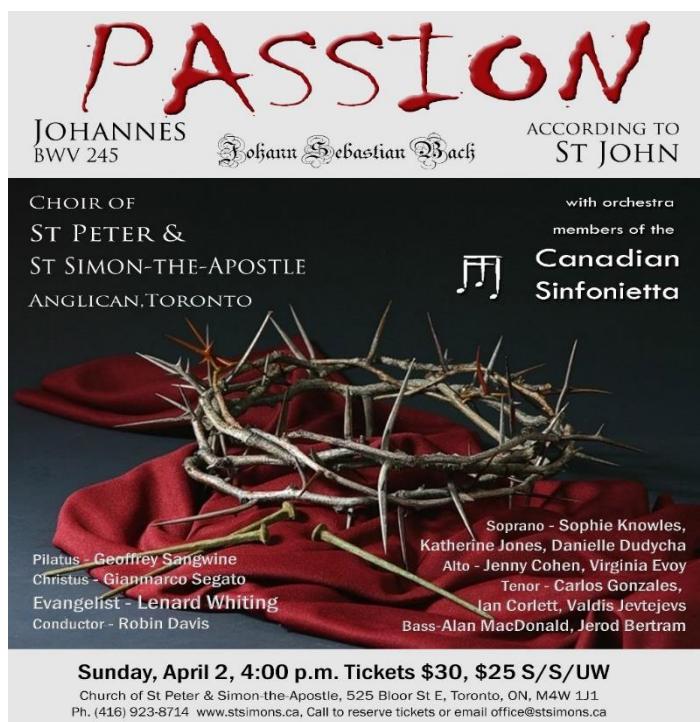
Robin Davis

On Wednesday March 1, the choir will sing Allegri's Miserere Mei (Psalm 51) as part of the Ash Wednesday 7 p.m. liturgy. The Miserere is one of the most well-known examples of late Renaissance music. It is famous for its having "escaped" beyond the Vatican's Sistine Chapel through the efforts of a 14-year-old W.A. Mozart, writing it out from memory after a single hearing in 1770 at a Tenebrae service on Holy Wednesday, returning on Good Friday to make minor corrections. The setting was popularized by the 1963 recording by Sir David Willcocks and the Choir of King's College Cambridge. The piece has become a traditional element of Ash Wednesday services at cathedrals and parishes within the Anglican Communion around the world.

Choir Concert
St. John Passion, J. S. Bach,
2017 April 2 (Sunday) at 4:00 pm
Robin Davis

The St. John Passion BWV 245, is an oratorio by Johann Sebastian Bach, the older of two surviving Passions by Bach. It was written during Bach's first year as director of church music in Leipzig and was first performed on Good Friday, 1724. The structure of the work falls in two halves, intended to flank a sermon. The libretto is compiled from recitatives and choruses narrating the Passion of Christ as told in the Gospel of John, arias reflecting on the action, and chorales

been performed at St. Simon's on a periodic basis, at least going back to the 1980s under Dr. Derek Holman. The choir will be joined by a professional chamber orchestra (mostly consisting of members from the Canadian Sinfonietta and joined by two members of our congregation). We are excited to be joined by our guest tenor soloist Leonard Whiting, who will sing the demanding role of the Evangelist (Narrator). Our choir members will contribute solos and portray the dramatic roles. The work will be performed in its original German with English translations.



(hymn tunes) and texts familiar to a congregation of Bach's time. The St. John Passion by Bach is no less a masterpiece than its larger scale sibling, the St. Matthew, and ranks right up there with the greatest choral works ever composed.

The St. John Passion has a special relationship with the parish and has

Presenting a work of this magnitude requires a significant commitment. While we do our best to "operate on a shoestring" it will be necessary to do fundraising to offset approximately 1/3 of the cost. (As an example, a number of our orchestra players have excused themselves from more lucrative engagements, just for the opportunity to be a part of performing this iconic work.) If you can help us in this regard, please make your donation to the church indicating "Choir Concert Support" in the memo field.

Tickets are available in the narthex after services for \$30, and \$25 for students, seniors and unwaged. Discretionary complimentary tickets will be available. We greatly appreciate the support of the congregation in this effort and also in spreading the word to the wider community of classical music lovers, to whom this work will appeal.

Persecution of Christians

Carol-Faye Petricko

The increasing worldwide persecution of Christians troubles me greatly. What I find even more unsettling, though, is the silence of the media in the face of what Charles, Prince of Wales, who, like Her Majesty, will someday be anointed and crowned “Defender of the Faith,” terms “an indescribable tragedy.”

Christian persecution, especially in the Islamic world, is in fact continuing apace with Open Doors, a non-denominational group, documenting 2,123 martyr killings in 2013, compared with 1,201 in 2012. We are all, each one of us, culpable if we do not stand up for those who are suffering and indeed for the many who are losing their lives for the Christian faith. It is my fervent prayer that today’s reporters will display strength of character and not, like Walter Duranty, a journalist and Stalin apologist who turned a blind eye to the 1932-1933 genocide in the Ukraine, refuse to acknowledge the truth when confronted by these awful current realities.

Blessing of the Waters

Diane Marshall

“*Creation Matters*”, the Environmental Subcommittee of the Diocese of Toronto, provides networking and resource support to make creation and the environment part of parish worship, education and life. It is tasked with addressing the 5th Mark of Mission of the worldwide Anglican communion which is: ***To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.***

This mandate has included our networking with the ministries of the Indigenous ministries of the Diocese and meeting with the National Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald. To this end, 6 years ago several of us envisioned an annual service – a Vigil – for our fragile planet earth, undergoing unprecedented human-caused climate change, and the challenges to, and dislocation of, Indigenous communities across our country. Thus, in the fall of 2012, the Diocesan Committee, represented by Rev. Dr. John Hill, initiated a partnership with Urban Native Ministries and the Rev. Andrew Wesley, as well as with Bishop Mark MacDonald, to develop the first service, to be held early evening mid-week, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Eaton Centre). Bishop MacDonald adapted this service from a traditional Eastern Orthodox service for the Great Blessing of Water. For the Orthodox, this great feast marks the baptism of Christ (the Feast of Theophany) and is celebrated Jan. 19. Indigenous Anglicans are beginning to use this liturgy as a way to acknowledge the sacredness of the land.

Since the first service in 2013, there has been an addition of Indigenous drummers, smudging by Indigenous clergy, and moving homilies. This past January, the new Anglican director of Native Urban Ministries, Rev. Chris Harper, was our speaker. In the past we have also heard from Alana Mitchell, the author of *Sea Sick*, her important book on the dying of the global ocean, destruction of the Great Barrier Reef and other coral reefs, and the enormous problem of plastics dumped in the ocean and being ingested by birds, sea mammals, whales and dolphins,

threatening the ecosystem of the ocean around the world.

I hope that several members of our parish will attend the Blessing of the Waters service next January, as one expression of praying for God's good creation.

Sheila Thomas

Marian McPherson

Sheila was born in Cheltenham, Gloucester, England, where she grew up. At the age of 21, she joined the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRENS) and for one year served in London. Her next posting was to Malta during which time she attended, as a secretary, NATO conferences in Istanbul, Athens and Marseilles. Then she went back to London for a 4-year stint with a London insurance company. In 1970, she headed west to Canada and began a 27-year career with the Deloitte accounting firm in Toronto. As a volunteer, she became involved with the Girl Guide movement first as a Brown Owl at Rosedale United Church and then as a Brown Owl and Guider at St. Simon's.

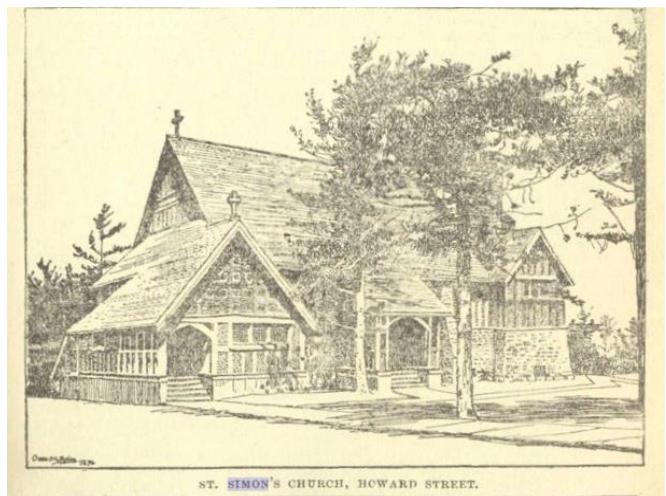
Sheila joined our parish in 1996 and has been a devoted member, becoming involved with the Altar Guild, Advisory Board and as a tireless worker in the kitchen where she sees to it that there is always a full supply of coffee, fruit juice and all else required to keep it running. Whenever there is a parish function involving food, Sheila will be found setting up, serving and cleaning up. She also knows where the best food deals can be found. Thank you, Sheila!

On a lighter side, Sheila worked with Hockey Canada briefly up to and including the 1972 series against Russia. Delighted to receive two tickets to one of the games in Toronto, and giving one away, she thoroughly enjoyed the game, although she realized that it would have been far easier to see the puck on television!

From St. Simon-the-Apostle then ... to St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle Now

Spencer Higgins

Parishioners new to St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle Church may wonder



View of St. Simons Anglican Church 1904 RLT04

how the church evolved over the years, and what in particular brought about the creation of our courtyard. While there is a fairly complete history of St. Simon's Parish on the web page <stsimons.ca/about-us/parish-history>, with lots of detail about the architectural history of our building, we need to add an on-line history of St. Peter's parish to more fully cover what has happened in the now much larger parish up to the present date.

The original 1888 Church of St. Simon the Apostle, designed as a Sunday school chapel, consisted of the sanctuary, vestry, organ chamber and belfry above, and the centre nave back to the line in the floor just east of the new entrance doors.

Designed by the firm Strickland and Symons, we believe that it was most likely designed by Eden Smith, who was chief draftsman of the firm at the time. Smith took the trouble to create a nice watercolour of “his” work in 1899, which now hangs in the lounge.

The parish immediately grew like Topsy. The original concept of a larger stone church in the Howard street garden area was quickly abandoned, and expediently by 1892 the side walls had been removed and replaced by the iron columns and side aisles we see today. The back wall and entrance were also removed and replaced with the west extension and present Howard Street entrance.

The Parish Hall, designed by Eden Smith, was added in 1906 and was connected to the church through the sitting room, which had double doors through to the serving area, and a passage which is now used as the audio control room. In 1953, the WW II memorial chapel was constructed and modifications to the sacristy were made. In 1999, my firm was retained by the parish to design accessibility improvements to the building. The design process led to the need to connect the narthex floor level with the chapel. Our solution was to construct the Bloor Street entrance portico between the narthex and chapel and thus enable us to provide full accessibility to all the main spaces in the building. This connection formed the courtyard space,

and after a little excavation we were able to provide access from the basement level into this now attractive garden space.

The Chapel has recently been embellished with numerous, and attractive, brass memorials and lectern brought from St. Peter’s Carlton Street. If you have not had the chance yet, take a look.

A Heart for the Neighbourhood

Larry Krotz

From the bulldozed earth along the north side of Howard Street to the sounds of hammers and construction from west of Sherbourne, the signs are everywhere. The neighbourhood around the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon is in flux.

The folks who come to Sunday morning services and an array of mid-week events from as far away as Brampton and Pickering, Etobicoke or Scarborough, are not oblivious to the implications.

Congregation member Nadine Milne, who foots it through the neighbourhood every day on her way back and forth from home at Wellesley and Parliament to her bank job on Bloor Street, certainly isn’t.

When it is finished, the North St. Jamestown redevelopment will have produced three new condo towers immediately east of the church with over 1,200 units. Along with another 45-storey condo at the corner of Sherbourne and Howard, this will make what has long been one of Canada’s densest neighbourhoods even denser. Closer to the ground, long-dilapidated (though once grand) houses are being rehabilitated and restored. Streets that have seemed in

rugged disrepair for decades, like Glen Road where a row of 1883 vintage semis have already been smartly rehabilitated, are taking on a new shine. "Let's make a beautiful district, whatever it takes to do that," architect Scott Weir told the *Globe & Mail* for an article back in December (Rebirth of Howard Street Dec 14, 2016).

Our area has repeatedly been in the grasp of some sort of change. When Joyce Brighty moved into one of the first towers built for the original St. Jamestown project in the 1960s, it was "the place to be." This was the 'new modern' for downtown living in a city still dominated by single family homes and apartments of no more than three or four floors. It wasn't long after that the social make-up changed with a large influx of new Canadians. Later, it became a neighbourhood that combined rich ethnic and cultural mixes with some persistent social and economic problems.

What do the current changes mean for both the neighbourhood and our church? An opportunity? Something to worry about? Something to celebrate? Possibly a bit of each. "I'd like to be excited," says Sheila Thomas who lives right across the street from St. Peter and St. Simon and got involved with the church as a girl-guide leader in 1977.

The opportunities are not so much about finding more Anglicans as they are about the church being recognized as a place of calm, a place of faith, a place of community, a place of fine music, a place of worship. St. Peter and St. Simon can offer a home for new residents of this

increasingly densified neighbourhood for an Anglican Sunday mass or more broadly ecumenical or even secular events. Architects doing the fine restorative work told the *Globe & Mail* that "a new heritage heart will beat at Howard Street and Glen Road." They shouldn't have ignored the fact that a heritage heart has long been beating in the form of an old church ready to continue to be a service in the middle of this neighbourhood.

Reaching out and finding Mohammed *Laurie Sanderson*

On August 16, 2016, my life was enriched upon meeting a young man named Mohammed Al Bayati. I was entranced by his smile at Pearson Airport that summer evening and knew I had met a kindred spirit. Mohammed is the newest member of the St. Peter and St. Simon refugee family. He spent the last five years in refugee limbo in both Syria and Turkey after leaving his home and family in Iraq. Mohammed has shared his story with me over tea and Turkish pizza. We have laughed and we have cried.

Now a new Canadian, Mohammed is working toward becoming an engineer in his new home, taking English classes (Although I must say that Mohammed is really funny and can make jokes in English, so I think that he is well on his way in the language department!), applying to college, becoming employed and meeting new friends.

Mohammed has joined my family for dinners, plays and birthday parties, including his own. He celebrated his first Christmas with the Birds and attended Christmas service at St. Peter and St. Simon. Mohammed is very keen on



Mohamed Al Bayati with Laurie Sanderson

experiencing new Canadian culture and events. If you invite him to something you are doing, he is thrilled to participate and jumps right in. His positivity, kindness and industry is infectious! I feel very privileged as I have gained a son and a friend.

The Refugee Committee is now working to bring Mohammed's family to Toronto. His father is in Turkey and his mother is in Iraq. AURA (the Anglican United Refugee Association) is our guide and partner in this venture. If you are interested in being part of this committee, or if you want to help out in any way, please make yourself known to Ted Robinson, Fr. Geoffrey, or to me. There is always room for more heads, hands and hearts!

Celebrating Black History

Peggy Needham (based on writings and exhibits of Moveta Nanton)

On February 19 Dr. Winston Isaac preached a sermon at St. Peter and St. Simon, giving us a fascinating history of St. Kitts where he grew up, the history of the Moravian and Anglican churches there, and stories about a wonderful woman named Mary and what she did for St. Kitts and people there. We all know how much Winston has contributed and continues to contribute to our church, and



Dr. Winston Isaac (photo by Mary Martin)

we were delighted to know more about where he had his beginnings.

After the service, in the Parish Hall, we partook of wonderful punch, fish balls with a delicious sauce, meat paddies and coconut tarts, and we viewed the splendid display mounted by Moveta Nanton to honour Black History Month.

Among so many other interesting pieces was a poster Moveta had created to honour Winston and his contribution to Canadian society, with special mention of

his activities at St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle. We learned that Dr. Isaac is currently an Associate Professor



Moveta Nanton (photo by Mary Martin)

Emeritus, Health Services Management at Ryerson University, as well as President and CEO of the Walnut Foundation which focuses on health issues through public forums and conferences. The Walnut Foundation is celebrating 10 years of service to men and their families. This year's conference was called "Ageing Well: A Public Education Day to Support Healthy Ageing".

Winston joined St. Simon in the fall of 1968. He has done almost every type of service in the church. He is presently coordinator of readers, intercessor, chalice bearer and communion administrator and, as well, he participates in many other activities.

How lucky we are to have Winston in our church family!

Lent, Holy Week and Easter at St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle -- a Schedule of Services

... The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

~ Lent 2017 ~

Ash Wednesday – March 1

11.00 am – Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

7.00 pm - Choral Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

Lent 1 – March 5

8.30 am – Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Litany in Procession and Choral Eucharist

Pancake Lunch to Follow

Lent 2 – March 12

8.30 am – Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Choral Matins

4.00 pm – A Lenten Meditation –
*Music, Readings and Prayers for
the Season of Lent*

*Denise Williams - Soprano
David Smith - Organ & Piano*

Lent 3 – March 19

8.30 am – Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist

Lent 4 – March 26

8.30 am – Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist with Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing (Contemporary Rite)

Lent 5 – April 2

8.30 am – Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist

4.00 pm – *The St. John Passion*, J. S. Bach

~ **Holy Week** ~

Palm Sunday – April 9

8.30 am – Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Choral Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week – April 10

7.00 pm – The Way of the Cross

Tuesday in Holy Week – April 11

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Wednesday in Holy Week – April 12

11.00 am – Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing

7.00 pm – The Way of the Cross

Maundy Thursday – April 13

7.00 pm – The Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing and the Institution of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday – April 14

8.30 am – The Good Friday Walk

Beginning at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sherbourne Street, the walk ends

at St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.

11.00 am – The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve – April 15

8.00 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day – April 16

8.30 am – Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Procession and Festal Eucharist

~ **Lenten Study Series** ~

Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life

Mondays: 2017 March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3

7.00 pm - Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7.30 to 8.30 pm – Study Session

This series is based on the 2016 book on discipleship by Rowan Williams who served as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002–2012 and is now Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Coffee and Conversation - an Informal Discussion about the Readings of the Day.

Sundays in Lent from 9.45 – 10.15 am in the Lounge.

This is a chance for parishioners to share ideas, thoughts and questions about the lectionary readings. (... facilitated by The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine)

