



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

## **Fridge Notes • Announcements** **February 11, 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.

**Vestry Report** Please submit Vestry report no later than February 14, 2018.

### **Lent & Holy Week**



*Lent 3-March 4: Choral Evensong at 4 pm*

*Lent 5 - March 18*

*“A Lenten Meditation through Music, Readings & Prayer”*

*Palm Sunday - March 25: Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am*

*Maundy Thursday – March 29: Service at 7 pm*

*Good Friday – March 30*

*Ecumenical Walk at 8:00 am/The Solemn Liturgy at 10:30 am*

*Holy Saturday – March 31: The Great Vigil at 8 pm*

*Easter Day – April 1: Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am*

*We will welcome the Right Reverend Michael Bedford-Jones  
to celebrate and preach.*

## **THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON**

**Wednesday, February 14:** Ash Wednesday

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

7 pm – Solemn Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

**Sunday, February 18:** The First Sunday in Lent

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

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

*Genesis 9.8–17 / 1 Peter 3.18–22 / Mark 1.9–15*

**Sunday, February 25:** Annual Vestry

**Tuesday, February 27:** 7 pm Stewardship Team Orientation

**Sunday, March 4:** 4 pm Lent 3 Choral Evensong

**Sunday, March 18:** 4 pm Lent 5 Music, Readings and Prayer

**Sunday, March 25:** Palm Sunday

**Thursday, March 29:** 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, March 30:** 10:30 am Good Friday Service

**Saturday, March 31:** 8 pm The Great Vigil

**Sunday, April 1:** Easter Day

**Last Tuesday of every Month:** 6 pm Candlelight Evening Prayer Service

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**NEW!** Visit the new SPSS website at [www.stpeterstsimon.ca](http://www.stpeterstsimon.ca)



Diocese of Toronto  
Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop Kevin Robertson invites the clergy and lay people of York-Scarborough to a Town Hall Meeting. Please join us on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough for an opportunity to share hopes, dreams and practical ideas about ministry in your parish and the wider community. We will explore where God may be leading us as we look to the future. This event is open to all clergy and lay people across York-Scarborough.

### **Social Justice and Advocacy**

- **Social Justice Vestry Motion on Affordable Housing & Homelessness**  
February is Vestry month! Archbishop Colin has asked all parishes in the Diocese to consider supporting this year's social justice vestry motion on affordable housing and homelessness. The motion and background, as well as many other resources for learning more about this issue, are available on the Diocesan website at [www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac-vestrymotion](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac-vestrymotion). Thanks to all who attended the workshops this past month - you can find all the materials presented on the website as well.

## **About the postlude today:**

This is an admittedly self-centered selection; however, the music and the lyrics are full of Reformation history with profound and lasting consequences on the world. It is a fantasia on the Dutch National Anthem, and that is the self-indulgence. Interestingly, it is the oldest national anthem in the world, composed as a hymn tune in 1585, with the lyrics centered on the William of Orange, who liberated the country from the colonization and yoke of the Spanish occupation and Inquisition in 1570. He was assassinated by a catholic zealot in 1585 when he was shot in a house in Delft. As a result, all monarchs are now buried in the Nieuwe Kerk in the Delft Main square. His great grand son became the British monarch, with his wife Mary, in 1688 precisely because England wanted a protestant monarch, and regrettably he is associated with the three centuries of Irish Troubles commencing in the Siege of Londonderry in 1690.

That single act of Reformation violence, like the Henry VIII divorce decision, had profound world consequences. The Netherlands decided not to replace the king, but instead became a loose federation of independent city states. This was an extraordinary decision, as national governance and authority in Europe had always resided in a sovereign, with political marriages between states. More interestingly, these independent city states were managed by a committee of commercial leaders or stadhouders, not a single ruler. Some of you may have seen Rembrandt's Night Watch, and this is a painting of the stadhouders going out to stand on the city walls and protect it at night.

That independent political structure supported and encouraged reformation and liberal thinkers such as Spinoza, John Locke, Hugo Grotius (he started international law, and that is partially why the World Court is in The Hague), Erasmus, and Rene Descartes to live and study there, and out of that grew the political theory of a federal system of strong provinces or states. Many persons fearing religious persecution fled there, including French Huguenots, as did Charles II during the Cromwell's Commonwealth before returning in 1660. There is a church in Leiden, the Sint Pieterskerk, where a sermon was preached in 1619, causing that congregation to 'leave and build a New Jerusalem'. They became the passengers on the Mayflower and landed on Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts to start their new Quaker colony.

In addition, the first publicly traded company, The Dutch East Indies Company and the first stock market developed in 1603, out of the belief that the strength of the state was in the economy, run by the collective, managed by the people, and not through a sovereign. This political model completely informed the American revolutionary thinkers, when they developed their declaration of independence in 1776 as well as their constitution, as well as informing the British when they drafted the British North America Act in 1867 for us.

It will therefore not surprise you that the City of Amsterdam (where I was born), made the first ever sovereign loan to the US colonies in 1778, to finance and support their war of independence against the British. All this from an assassin's bullet.

*Johan van 't Hof*

**Toiletry Kits for Native Women's Resource Centre** The Opportunities Committee is starting to collect items for donation to the Native Women's Resource Centre at 191 Gerrard Street East. We would like to collect items until February 18 when we will create kits to be given to women in need in our community. The Native Women's Resource Centre is looking for: hand soap, shampoo, hair brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Kleenex, toilet paper, bandages, hand lotion, lip balm, and feminine hygiene products. Also welcome are new socks, gloves, hats, and underwear. Please make sure that everything is in its package and leave donations in the box at the back of the church. Please speak to Brooke Sales-Lee if you have any questions.

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**In your prayers this week, please remember . . .**

**Anglican Cycle:** *The Anglican Church of Canada*

**Diocesan Cycle:** *St. George, Allandale*

*Kevin, Bishop. Archbishop Colin Johnson*

**Outreach and Advocacy Cycle:** *The Flemington Park Ministry, Don Mills, and its support and advocacy for immigrants and refugees, women and children living in dangerous and stressful situations, and people in need of legal and food support; and for the Parish of Georgina, its Summer Outreach Chaplaincy to Sibbald Point Provincial Park, its support of ecumenical community dinners, the Georgina Food Pantry, Sandgate Shelter for Women, Salvation Army Youth Shelter, and prayer shawl ministry.*

**Parish Prayer Cycle:** *Elaine Knee-Chong, Sophie Knowles & David Cumming, Ignacia Lesteng, Marie Lewis*

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Services 8:30 am 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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