



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 24, 2021

Welcome to St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

We are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you.

In-person Coffee Hour is suspended but you can join the Zoom Coffee Hour. Details are in the weekly email.

Pastoral Care is available for those who are sick at home or 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 one of the clergy.



Assisted Hearing Devices are available from the greeters.



Sunday School is via Zoom.

- For those 7 – 12 years old from 10:30-11:30
- For those 12 – 18 years old from 1pm – 2pm

Please email Sileen at kidscoordinator@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link



New to SPSS? Please ask a sidesperson for a welcome card and place it on the offering plate.



Learn more about SPSS! Visit us online at www.stpeterstsimon.ca

St Peter & St Simon-the-Apostle on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpeterstsimons

Stewardship: 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.

Please do not leave your valuables unattended.

Pre-authorized giving (PAG): If you would like to sign-up for PAG, please contact the office. We encourage you to support our ministry through PAG. Thank you.

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat, on whose land, and by whose water we gather to talk, listen, learn, worship, share and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for submissions to *Fridge Notes* is Thursday at noon each week (send to the office).

A Word from the Rector

“O sing unto the Lord a new song.” Psalm 149.

Dear Friends,

Last week the Bishop of Toronto informed the Diocese that parishes can resume choral singing, though not congregational singing at this time. What a welcome change after so many months of restrictions and lockdown. It is a sign of hope that things are getting better thanks to the diligence of people observing protocols and of course, the gift of the vaccines.

Our parish Health and Safety Working Group met on Monday, October 18th and approved a plan for our choir to resume singing during public worship, beginning Sunday, October 24th. In keeping with diocesan protocols, the choir must maintain social distancing of two metres from each chorister and four metres from members of the congregation while singing. To that end, we have spaced things out carefully and can fit four choristers in the choir stalls and fifteen choristers across the front of the Church when singing only. When the choir is not singing, they will have reserved seating at the front and sides of the Church. All choristers are to be masked with the appropriate level 2 Medical Procedural Mask and must have shown proof of double vaccination.

Protocols for receiving Holy Communion will remain the same. One small change is that members of the choir who are receiving the sacrament will come forward first and then return to their place. The congregation will then come forward as usual. A Cantor positioned safely distanced in the choir stalls will sing the Communion hymn. Choristers will enter in single file and take their seated place during the Prelude. They will exit during the Postlude in the same way.

While our worship has been enhanced by the inclusion of pre-recorded music, we have waited a long time for this change to come and welcome our choir back. We have determined that the plan is safe and appropriate. For those who may be uncomfortable with this change please remember there is a Wednesday morning service at 11 am. As we move forward, we may re-introduce an early said service on Sunday morning.

St Augustine said, “those who sing pray twice.” We look forward to the day when all of us can join in singing the hymns. In the meantime, we as members of the congregation, will continue to make prayer and melody to the Lord in our hearts.

Please do not hesitate to speak with the Wardens and or me if you have any questions.

Yours Faithfully,
The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine+



Homework Club: As we look ahead to January, we hope the Homework Club will resume. This ministry shared by SPSS, St Andrew's United and Rosedale Presbyterian provides a safe, wholesome and fun environment for local children to learn and grow. We are grateful to the Anglican Foundation for their generous support of this ministry.

Special Vestry

On Wednesday, November 3rd at 7 pm we will be holding a Special Vestry Meeting by Zoom - details for the Zoom link will be sent closer to the date. The agenda items are:

1. Budget Update/Presentation and Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for the past two years.
2. Presentation and Approval of Renovations to the Basement area of the Church – this is to accommodate a day school as a new long-term tenant.

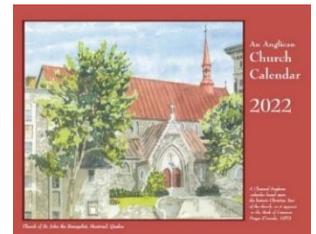
Property Committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 26, at 7 pm, on site.

2022 Church Calendars

We are selling Church Calendars for 2022; there is a choice of two different designs priced at \$10 each. One design (St Peters PEI, pictured) has paintings of churches and the other (Anglican Church of Canada) has photographs of churches (visit

<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022-anglican-canadian-church-calendar-preview.pdf> for a preview). If you are interested,

please phone Sheila (416-921-2593) no later than **Wednesday October 27**, to place your order.



Covid Vaccinations

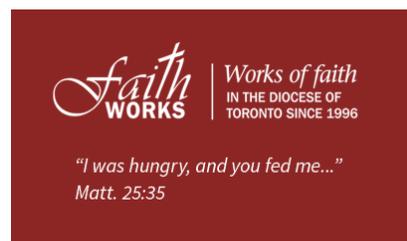
The Diocese of Toronto has implemented a Covid-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for all Clergy, Employees and Volunteers at the church. Visit

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/news/mandatory-vaccination-policy-posted/>

for all the details. While not a requirement for attending worship services, the church strongly recommends that all eligible people get vaccinated against Covid-19.

FaithWorks

This parish has faithfully contributed to the worthy causes supported by FaithWorks and the Stewardship Committee thanks parishioners for their contributions that have totaled \$3,090 over the last three years.



Funds have been raised that provide much needed support for homelessness relief; work with ex-prisoners, newcomers and refugees, at-risk women, children and youth, indigenous people and those impacted by HIV-AIDS.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary, a generous donor from within the Diocese has offered a \$100,000 matching challenge grant for all new and increased donations. For every dollar raised over last year's amount by a parish, FaithWorks will receive an extra dollar.

FaithWorks Sunday in November 21st and an additional challenge this year is to have 100 +1% parish participation! You can view inspirational videos from participating FaithWorks Ministry Partners here: <https://faithworks.ca/video-resources/>

15% of the donations are retained for our own parish outreach! Here are the easy step to donate:

- a) Give directly to the Church and indicate on your cheque or envelope that the donation should go to FaithWorks
- b) Go to **FaithWorks.ca** and click on the **Donating to FaithWorks** menu button. Follow the instructions. Don't forget to put our parish's name in the **Comment Section!**

Events This week and Looking Ahead...

Monday 25 Oct: AURA meeting 11am, courtyard weather permitting otherwise indoors

Tuesday 26 Oct: Property Committee Meeting, Parish Hall at 7pm.

Wednesday 27 Oct:

- 11 am Holy Eucharist. In-person worship
- deadline for ordering church calendars (see above)

Thursday 28 Oct: Choir Practice in the Nave in the evening

Sunday 31 Oct: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.
In-person worship & Live-Stream

Wednesday 3 Nov: Special Vestry Meeting via Zoom at 7pm (see above)

Sunday 21 Nov: Faithworks Sunday

Covid-19 Protocols are in effect for in-person worship services.

Church Rentals

Tuesdays: Altvox Choir Rehearsal in the Nave, evening

Sundays: San Lorenzo in the Nave until 2:30pm



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