



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

FRIDGE NOTES
Parish Announcements
September 29, 2024

**Welcome to St Peter and St Simon's, especially if you are visiting us.
We invite you to join us after the 10.30 am Sunday service
for refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

*Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.
We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.*

From the Rector

A Note About the Sanctuary Paintings

Today at Evensong we are rededicating the restored paintings in the sanctuary.

Sometime in the early 1970's the walls were whitewashed and the paintings covered, for reasons that continue to be a mystery. The restoration project began over twenty-years ago when the artwork on the south sanctuary wall was uncovered and restored by artist Andrew Kwichinski. In the spring of 2024 the work was finally completed by his son Maurice who apprenticed under his father at St Simon's those many years ago. Parishioner Russel Smith has made this possible with a generous donation in loving memory of the late Carl Lee Shain who had a passion for art and hoped to have the paintings in our parish restored.

The artwork dates to 1914 when the parish was growing and the church building enhanced and beautified. Arts and Crafts style decoration, classic of the time, was adopted to compliment the architecture.

The paintings are heavily influenced by the work of English artist and book illustrator Walter Crane (15 August 1845 – 14 March 1915). Considered to be the most influential, and among the most prolific, children's book creators of his generation, Crane's work featured some of the more colourful and detailed beginnings of the child-in-the-garden motifs that would characterize many nursery rhymes and children's stories for decades to come. He was part of the [Arts and Crafts movement](#) that produced an array of paintings, illustrations, children's books, ceramic tiles, wallpapers and other decorative arts in the style of William Morris with whom Crane may have had an association in the early twentieth century. The decorative work in the Church was possibly executed by P.C Browne and Co., a firm renowned at the time for their decorative work in Canada.

The image over the altar is of two angels kneeling in worship and adoration. On the east wall (south side), a chalice with grapes was uncovered. Unfortunately, the painting under the angel on the east wall (northside) was damaged badly. We chose to compliment the image of the chalice and grapes with a wheat sheave on a gold plate. A frieze on the north and south sanctuary walls is decorated with escutcheons depicting the four Evangelists, the Prophet Daniel and the Paschal Lamb. You will also notice the Latin inscription at the altar, *Jesus+ Hominum+ Salvator* (Jesus Saviour of Mankind) has been adorned with gold leaf.

The restoration of this art is a tremendous gift to the parish. While restoring our historic Church, the visual beauty of the paintings ties the whole Chancel and Sanctuary together. It is an outward and visible sign that we are a community of worship and prayer. We join our voices with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven to sing God's praise and glory, worshipping the Holy One in spirit, in truth, and in the beauty of holiness.

Thanks be to God.

Geoffrey+

Announcements and Events

Christian Education Committee | *Meeting today, September 29th* after the 10.30 am service.

Choral Evensong | *Feast of St Michael and All Angels, Sunday, September 29th* at 4 pm. At the service we will re-dedicate the sanctuary paintings in loving memory of Carl Shain.

Altar Guild | Members are required. If you are interested in supporting the Altar Guild please contact Joy, 416-423-7042, or Fr. Geoff.

Season of Spiritual Renewal | During the recent Cast the Net listening and visioning process, the Diocese heard that we're hungry to know and love God more deeply. To that end, Bishop Andrew has called to begin a two-year Season of Spiritual Renewal, lasting until Epiphany 2026. There are some virtual workshops planned for the Fall, and typically take place from 1-2pm. The next few sessions are;

- * Oct 1st – Healing in the Landscape of Prayer; What is Anointing
- * Oct 2nd – Everyday Witness: how to use this resource to build a culture of faith sharing
- * Oct 9th – Small Group Ministry and Parish Renewal, session from 1-2:30pm

For more information and to register, visit www.toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal

Benefit Concert for the Homework Club After School Program | *Saturday, October 5th* at 3 pm, here at SPSS, with our parish choir, the choir of Rosedale Presbyterian Church and the St Jamestown Community Children's Choir. Admission by donation, refreshment to follow concert.

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church | If anybody has nowhere to go for Thanksgiving dinner and would like to have a communal meal at the church, please talk to Carol Peck, 416-920-3425, or leave a message at the church office.

Chair Exercise Class | Finding the Autumn season getting you down? Tired of sitting at home not exercising? Come on out to SPSS's new Chair Exercise Class, where you will be guided through a series of gentle exercises to increase your flexibility and endurance. Classes begin at *12 noon on October 17th* for six weeks, ending on November

21st. A social time will be held after, where we can eat our own bagged lunch. Coffee is provided. See Mary Anderson if interested.

Outreach conference | The annual diocesan Outreach & Advocacy Conference will take place virtually on *Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.* This year's theme is "Communities of Resistance and Resilience." The keynote speaker will be Chief Rudy Turtle of Grassy Narrows First Nation, and there will be workshops on creation care, overdose prevention in community, deconstructing myths around homelessness, ending poverty for people with disabilities, Creedal theology as resistance and more. Registration will open in early September at www.toronto.anglican.ca/outreachconference.

Mistletoe Market 2024! - November 16th

We are still looking parishioners who can make crafts to sell at the SPSS craft table as well as those who can make and donate baked goods for the tea and the bake table.

There will be a Treasures Room again and will need donations of *gently used and in good condition* home décor items as well as vintage dish sets and good glass ware. Please bring these to the church during church office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am – 5pm.

Also, we are still recruiting vendors! If you know of anyone who would like to participate, please let us know. Table fee is \$50.

If you have questions about any of the above, please speak to one of us during coffee hour. Mary Anderson, Jane Rajantie, Stephanie Woodside

From The Wardens; Stewardship Update

Congregational givings for the month of August total \$19,761. Congregational givings year to date to the end of August total \$188,324, compared to a year to date budgeted amount of \$190,301. Our overall deficit (ie., including expenses) to the end of August is \$32,705, compared to a full year budgeted deficit of \$18,506. Our overall cash position is and will remain tight for the foreseeable future.

As you can see, work continues on replacing the flat portion of our roof and this is expected to be completed quite soon. Please consider thoughtfully your part in helping us to achieve our budget target for 2024 and thus allow our various ministries to thrive.

Looking Ahead...

Saturday, October 5 – *Homework Club Benefit Concert with Rosedale Presbyterian*