



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

FRIDGE NOTES
Parish Announcements
October 20, 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.*

A Word from the Rector

The Season of Stewardship

In his letter to the Church at Ephesus, Paul the Apostle encourages the faithful to be filled with the Spirit, with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God and the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ”.

The autumn season is a time of thanksgiving, when we, more intentionally than perhaps at other times, express our gratitude for all that God gives to us. We are thankful for so much: for the beauty of creation, the harvest and the abundance of food we enjoy; for our family and friends; and for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for our Parish Church and the rich life we enjoy in this dynamic household of faith.

Here at SPSS this is also our *Season of Stewardship*. One important way we express our gratitude is through generosity: radical generosity of spirit, time, and resources. There are many needs and opportunities before us. As well as supporting and growing our ministry, our historic building requires constant upkeep. We just replaced the roof over the narthex at a cost of over three hundred thousand dollars. This was made possible by obtaining a loan from the diocese. Bequests are forthcoming, but we continue to carry a deficit. The roof over the Church and Parish Hall also need replacement very soon.

Costs rise in the Church as much as everywhere else. In this season we are asking each member of our parish to consider carefully and prayerfully our financial commitment for the remainder of the year and into 2025. Next Sunday, we look forward to welcoming Peter Misiaszek who will speak to us about Legacy Giving. As you make your ongoing commitment now, please also consider the Church in your estate planning. We are very blessed here at SPSS. A question each of us must ask is how should you and I respond to ensure that this parish continues to be a strong, faithful presence in the heart of Toronto? In thinking of these things, remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, *“it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts. 20.35)*.

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Announcements and Events

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

Mason Jars needed | If you have any empty mason jars please bring them in for Paul Mitchell.

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 began on October 17th. *They take place at noon on Thursdays and run*

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. Please see Mary Anderson if interested.

Stewardship Month at SPSS

Your Legacy: A Gift to Strengthen Parish Life

October is Stewardship Month at SPSS and one of our aims is to highlight giving the gift of a legacy. Legacy giving is a planned gift that considers your needs, the needs of your family, your church and other charitable causes as part of your estate plan. Please take a moment to review the information provided in the SPSS Legacy Giving brochure – available at the table at the entrance to the Nave. On *Sunday, October 27*, we are welcoming Peter Misiaszek, Director of Stewardship Development at the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, who will deliver a special sermon followed by an informative talk about planned gifts during coffee hour. We hope to see you there!

Stewardship Committee

Virtual Outreach and Advocacy 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.

Flute Street Concert | On *October 27, 4 pm*, at SPSS, Flute Street embraces the darkness of the days in a program aptly named *Beyond the Night Sky*. Musical visits to a haunted French chateau, a Weeping Mexican Witch, and Mussorgsky's famous *Night on Bald Mountain* will be balanced with a florid and beautiful suite, *Paths of Deeper Gold* by Alexandra Molnar-Suhajda. Come to see and hear this unique ensemble that performs on nine different sizes of flutes from the tiny piccolo to the very deep-voiced double contrabass flute. Tickets are available in advance through the website; flutestreet.ca or at the door. \$25, \$20 seniors, \$15 students.

Mistletoe Market 2024! - November 16th

We are still looking for 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 glassware. Please bring these to the church during church office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am – 5:30pm.

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.

Next Advisory Board Meeting – Wednesday November 27th by Zoom.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, November 3 (All Saints): *Choral Evensong at 4 pm* followed by reception

Saturday, November 16, 10 am to 2 pm: *Mistletoe Market*

Sunday, December 1, 4pm: *Advent Lessons & Carols*

Saturday, December 7, 3pm: *Toronto Start Carol Fundraiser at St Paul's Bloor Street*

Sunday, December 15: *Children's Christmas Musical*

Wednesday, December 18, 6pm: *Blue Christmas service*

Sunday December 22, 4pm: *Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols*

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To make a donation to the Church, open up the camera on any smartphone and point it at the QR code and a web page will open to take you directly to Canada Helps' donation page for the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle. You will receive an auto-generated tax receipt emailed directly from CanadaHelps.org. Thank you for your support.



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