



St. Peter's Anglican Church

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Lenten Edition

Welcome to the eighth edition of St. Peter's Newsletter



A Lenten Message

In this season of Lent, we have been invited by Bishop Andrew, as parishes or as individuals to explore five symbols - light, water, food, shelter, and community, with the help of a program entitled Signs of Life. There is no cost and a variety of ways to participate. I will be facilitating a group on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. during Lent. There is a calendar available to participate in daily activities. This is an opportunity to take on a spiritual discipline rather than the more customary activity of giving up something for Lent. Bishop Andrew will be hosting a conversation about the signs in different locations in the Diocese. A schedule has been included in this newsletter.

Participating in Lent is an opportunity for everyone. Even if you cannot come out to a group or to church on Sunday, you can join others through the website, Signsoflife.org, with no expense. For those unable to go online, I will provide weekly booklets. Please let the office know and I will gladly mail them out if you cannot come in person.

Lent is a season that invites us into contemplation. As we pray and notice the signs of life, the Spirit of God will be apparent around us, others and the wider community and world. As St. Peter's, St. Ninian's, and St. John the Divine move closer to amalgamation, we all need to be praying for discernment. We are moving into something new and we have an opportunity to create new and inviting spaces that welcome the community in and for us to be more present in the community. When we take time for prayer and reflection, God's Spirit can do more than we can ask or imagine.

Let us all embrace a Holy Lent as we journey together to new life in Jesus Christ at Easter.

The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

Area Bishop's Visit to St. Peter's

On Sunday, January 26th we welcomed the Area Bishop of York-Scarborough – The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson. We thanked him for leading us in worship at our 10:30 a.m. service as the celebrant and preacher. In addition, the Sunday School took an active role in leading us in our prayers of the people. After the service, we had Coffee Hour and a time to greet our Bishop.



Steering Committee Update

The Webster's dictionary meaning for steering committee is and I quote "a committee that decides on the priorities or order of business of an organization and manages the general course of its operation." In November 2019, The Diocese of Toronto, under the direction of our Bishop, The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil and supervised by Janet Marshall, director of Congregational Development, a steering committee was to be formed for the purpose of amalgamation of the three parishes of St. Peter's, St. Ninian's and St. John the Divine. All three parishes are struggling to meet the needs of the community. The steering committee would be made of three to four parishioners from each of the three parishes. The purpose of this committee was to create a stronger ministry and mission for Central Scarborough. The representatives for St. Peter's are: Gloria Ramsay Hall, Michael Barrow, Lottie Bowring, Jane Lawrence, and Lisa Turner with alternate Nancy Wilson. The committee is meeting on a monthly basis and through congenial dialogue working together to "Recreate God's Church". There is a very long and thorough process that must be followed to have a 100% congenial amalgamation. At our initial meeting, November 16th, 2019, it was agreed that we needed to involve as many members of our congregations as possible. It was decided that we would have a Visionary Meeting to reach this objective.

To involve as many of our congregational members, a Visionary Meeting was held on January 4th, 2020. This was an open meeting to all three congregations to discuss the following six topics: Worship & Music; Children & Family; Youth; Outreach; Pastoral Care; Senior Ministry. Each parishioner attended two of the topics to share their thoughts on the strengths and goals for each of these. This was a well-attended event by all parishes, with approximately 30 parishioners from St. Peter's. The discussions revealed a common value that the Church is a place that supports the community through programs and fellowship. It was also agreed that through different types of worship, music and prayers the needs of the people can experience God. Through this amalgamation, we will be stronger to support the ministries, under the leadership of a full time priest, now and in the future.

The main question on everyone's mind is WHERE will we worship?? To achieve this answer, an appraisal of all three properties must be done. An architect, Peter Tovell, has been hired by the Diocese to assess and appraise all three churches and rectories. This will be done over the following two to three weeks. We hope to have a written report available by the end of March. A timeline of amalgamation will be more feasible after the assessments are done. Money has already been approved by the Diocese for any renovations that must be made to accommodate everyone. There are several possible ideas for the properties, to meet the needs of the community, but until the appraisals are in, no definite plans can be proposed. Once in place, there will be a town hall meeting held at each church to review and approve the plans. In the meantime, Janet Marshall has given us homework to do. We are to do an inventory of all items each of the church owns. I.e., vestments, prayer books, hymnals, memorial donations, hangings, banners, etc. Jaime Barrow, from St. Peter's, has already begun to do this for us.

As we see other denominations, either growing or closing, the Anglican Church has the strongest immigration to Canada. With a strong, positive amalgamation, we will be able to meet the health and wellness of ALL God's PEOPLE!! We will also have a new name for the church. Suggested names can be submitted to the Bishop. Remember, it is not the building that makes the Church but rather the PEOPLE!! The PEOPLE are the CHURCH!! In FAITH, let us RENEW and RECREATE a CHURCH of the PEOPLE!!

Jane Lawrence
Member of the Steering Committee

Chili Lunch - Sunday, January 19th

The Sunshine Group would like to thank those who made the trek to church following the snow storm for our annual Chili Lunch. And for those who didn't, maybe next year! It was a small group but we collected \$265 that will benefit the church.



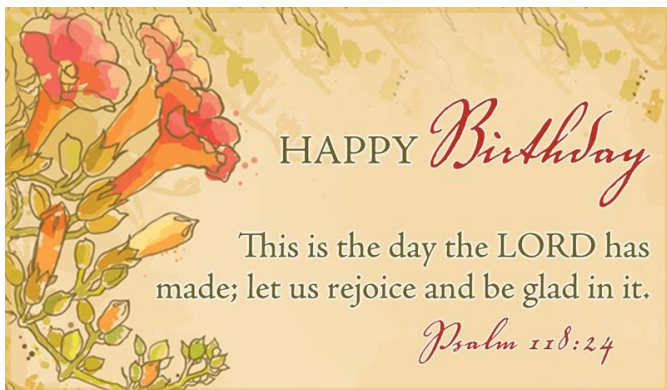
Don & Marline's 60th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, February 9th we celebrated Don & Marline's 60th Wedding Anniversary. Don & Marline Smith would like to offer a thank you to everyone who joined with them as they celebrated 60 years of marriage. Also, a special thank you to the Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft for her special blessing during the 10:30 a.m. service.



Birthday Celebrations

On Sunday, February 9th following the 10:30 a.m. service we celebrated birthdays for Ian Physick and Gail Thompson.



Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday, April 5th: The Passion of our Lord/Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. - BCP pg. 67 Said Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. - BAS pg. 185 Choral Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 8th: Mid-week service

10:30 a.m. - Said Holy Communion, Healing & Anointing

Thursday, April 9th: Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. - BAS pg. 304 service

Friday, April 10th: Good Friday

10:30 a.m. - BAS pg. 308 service

Sunday, April 12th: The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. - BCP pg. 67 Said Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. - BAS pg. 185 Choral Holy Communion

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Bishop Andrew is hosting a conversation on the symbols each Tuesday evening in the month of March - and invites you to join him on this Lenten journey. The location of the studies will shift week to week throughout the Diocese.

Tuesday, March 3, 7-9 p.m. at All Saints, King City

Tuesday, March 10, 7-9 p.m. at St. Martin, Bay Ridges

Tuesday, March 17, 7-9 p.m. at St. Barnabas, Chester

Tuesday, March 24, 7-9 p.m. at Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton)

Tuesday, March 31, 7-9 p.m. at the Cathedral Centre

St. Peter's Anglican Church provides numerous opportunities for parishioners and members of the community to worship.

We have two Sunday services:

8:00 a.m. Said BCP Communion Service

10:30 a.m. BAS Choral Holy Communion Service

(Except the last Sunday of the month which is BCP Morning Prayer)

St. Peter's Anglican Church is also actively engaged in other ministries:

Service on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Rockcliffe Care Community Scarborough

Service on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at Bendale Acres Long-Term Care Homes

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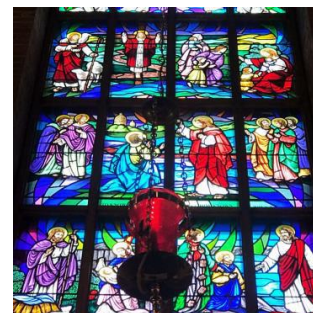
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Editor's Note

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us take the time to reflect and prepare for our Easter celebrations. Our next edition of the Newsletter will be for Easter 2020. I would like to express a hearty thanks to all of the members of St. Peter's Anglican Church and our surrounding community for their support as we seek to Know Christ and Make Him Known.

Jaime Barrow