



# St. Peter's Anglican Church

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## Advent Edition

Welcome to the Twelfth Edition of St. Peter's Newsletter



### Advent Message from our Priest

It has seemed to me quite fortuitous that during the pandemic we have been listening to scripture from the Book of Exodus. To us there appears no end in sight for our journey through the wilderness of isolation. And we too are wearied by the journey and questioning what God is doing. And just like the people of the desert, we are anxious and disturbed by our situation. We are about to begin a new church year with the season of Advent. Advent is about waiting and patience and requires discipline to fully embrace. I want to share some ways we can be prepared to meet God in our new reality.

I am offering an Advent study based on Exodus for the four Tuesdays in December. We will gather at 7 pm via Zoom for prayer and reflection. On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will join with the two other communities in our proposed amalgamation for a Blue Christmas service. These opportunities will enable us to identify our darkest feelings and discover a new way forward with patience and hope.

For people of all ages, we will remind ourselves of the long journey through scripture and the Jesse Tree. There will be activities all through December that will enable us to remember how far we have already come. Every day there will be a symbol that can be decorated for your own tree and our Tree of Hope. And for children and youth, we have a special Christmas pageant that we can celebrate online.

This season of Advent can equip us to embrace our unknown future with a confidence built on our knowledge of a God who is always present. And we will be further enriched by sharing activities and worship with St. John the Divine and St. Ninians. May we be blessed with patience in faith, in hope and in love.

Emmanuel, God with us!

The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft  
*Priest-in-Charge*

## Churchwardens' Financial Report

Happy Advent to all our faithful parishioners! We would like to thank everyone for their continued financial support during these unusual times of COVID-19. May God be with you all.

### St. Peter's Anglican Church Profit & Loss Budget Performance June through November 2020

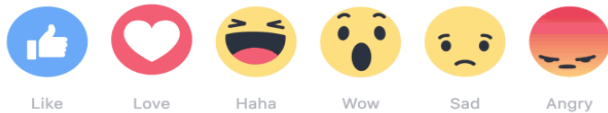
	Jun - Nov 20	Budget	Jan - Nov 20	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Envelope Offering ▶	37,568.50 ◀	42,809.00	65,834.00	79,752.86	91,607.36
Fundraising Events	0.00	3,729.81	579.65	5,579.56	7,821.23
Open Offerings	928.00	2,029.80	1,378.25	3,407.00	5,165.00
Other Income	20,326.56	0.00	21,207.58	0.00	0.00
Outreach Envelope	3,451.00	1,151.00	5,641.00	2,034.00	2,209.00
Property Revenue	993.25	12,130.00	5,643.25	21,430.00	23,780.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>63,267.31</b>	<b>61,849.61</b>	<b>100,283.73</b>	<b>112,203.42</b>	<b>130,582.59</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>63,267.31</b>	<b>61,849.61</b>	<b>100,283.73</b>	<b>112,203.42</b>	<b>130,582.59</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Administration	6,177.68	5,058.68	9,899.85	7,847.58	8,139.24
Interest Expense	17.86	0.00	47.85	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Chu...	10,203.60	9,431.94	29,182.48	27,534.33	29,900.98
Maintenance Rec...	2,171.97	2,189.02	3,418.51	3,691.21	3,790.50
Remuneration	22,402.20	43,956.78	57,397.95	81,051.43	88,299.56
Synod Assessme..	4,122.60	6,186.00	7,409.55	11,341.00	12,372.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>45,095.91</b>	<b>66,822.42</b>	<b>107,356.19</b>	<b>131,465.55</b>	<b>142,502.28</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>18,171.40</b>	<b>-4,972.81</b>	<b>-7,072.46</b>	<b>-19,262.13</b>	<b>-11,919.69</b>

Claude Williams  
*Priest-in-Charge's Warden*

Jane Lawrence  
*People's Warden*

## Facebook Live

To watch our 9:30 am service live, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stpetersscarborough/live/>. Feel free to give us a like or a comment during the service!



### Meet our New Parishioner, *Frank Dimech*

Raised in East York, attended the University of Toronto. Returned in June 2020. Had a happy career as Children's and information Librarian for 47 years in Toronto and Ottawa Public Libraries. Active in volunteering for Ottawa Charities for 12 years at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, at the Supper Table. Here, we had hot meals, clothing, Friday Food Bank, social support for everyone. Looking forward, especially during the difficult pandemic, to connect to my St. Peter's Anglican Church, to my community, to more volunteering opportunities (gardening, outreach), and for support spiritually, mentally, and physically.



### New Prayer Chain Leader, *Gloria Ramsay-Hall*

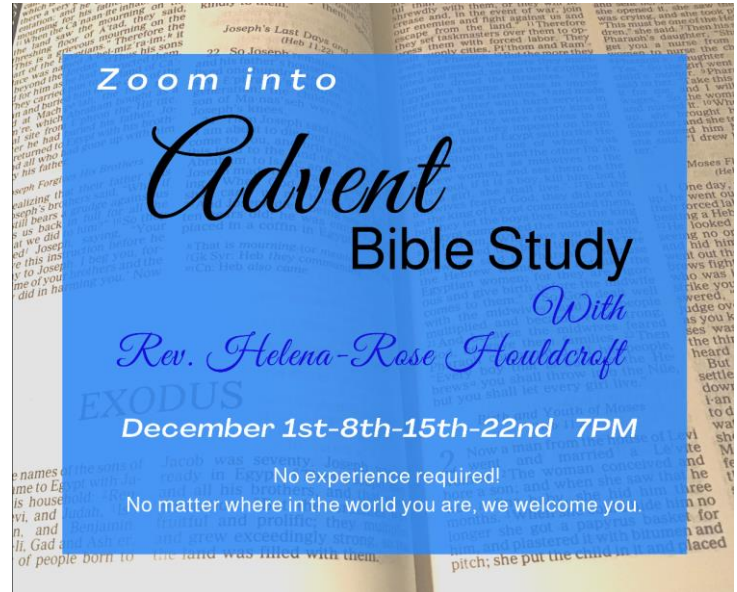
At the end of October, Aileen Brown stepped down as the leader of the Prayer Chain. We would like to thank her for her dedicated years of ministry. The prayer chain is a list of people who agree to pray for a loved one during a troubled time. It is confidential and an essential part of our worship at St. Peter's. If anyone has a person to pray for or if you would like to join, please get in touch with the new prayer chain leader, Gloria Ramsay-Hall. If you need a prayer shawl, please be in contact with The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft.



# THE SEASON OF ADVENT

## Advent Bible Study via Zoom

Join us on Tuesdays at 7 pm beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> as we will be having an Advent Bible study on the Book of Exodus. This will be a time for us to reflect and pray for the coming of the Lord. We will gather on Zoom so that we can interact with each other. If you have not done so already, please make sure that the church office has your email as more information is to follow.



## God With Us – A Family Advent Celebration

This Advent, we will be using Katie Pawlak's *God With Us*, which is a 25-day simple, memorable, and gospel-focused activity. Every day (beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> until Christmas Day), we are asking you to colour one symbol in your colouring book, which is included in your mailing package. Extra copies will be available for pick-up during office hours or following the 9:30 am service. We also ask

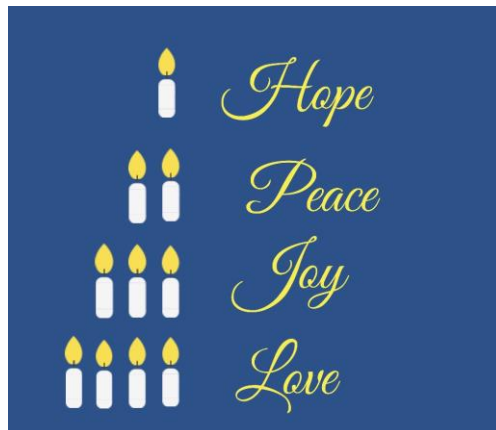
that you reflect on the daily readings that correspond with each symbol, either from the Old or New Testament. Feel free to cut out the symbols and use them as ornaments on your Christmas Tree!

## The Jesse Tree

Every parishioner will be given one large symbol to colour in addition to the symbols in the colouring book. We are asking that this large symbol is coloured and returned to the church so that we can laminate and hang them all on our *Tree of Hope*, which will be recreated as *The Jesse Tree* for the Advent/Christmas season.

## The Lighting of the Advent Candles

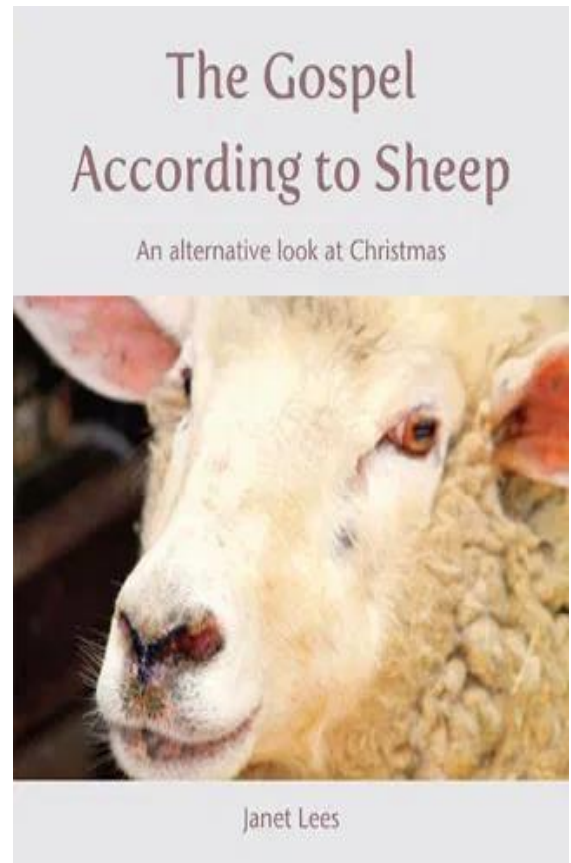
Before each of our Advent services, we will be lighting a candle to represent the waiting for Christ – Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



# THE COMING OF OUR LORD

## St. Peter's Virtual Christmas Pageant, *The Gospel According to Sheep*

This year, our youth group will be putting together a virtual pre-recorded Christmas Pageant entitled *The Gospel According to Sheep*. We are asking all youth to contact either Ian Physick or Youvi Youvarajah to participate in the Pageant. All parts will be individually recorded for safety concerns. The pageant is a dialogue/drama script involving humans, God, and plenty of sheep, giving an alternative view of Christmas and life in general. We are hoping to have the recorded video available on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Blue Christmas Service

Join us on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm as we partner with St. Ninian's and St. John the Divine for a Blue Christmas. More information is to follow.



# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

## All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated the lives of the faithfully departed with the lighting of candles during our 9:30 am service. We would like to thank all of those who put forth a name of a loved one to be remembered. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.



# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

## St. Peter's Poppy Project

During the week leading up to Remembrance Day, an installation project on the *Tree of Hope* began entitled *St. Peter's Poppy Project*. This was created to commemorate the individuals who served or held a position in the war. We are grateful that this project was able to be added to the Scarborough Mirror! Visit the link to view: <https://www.toronto.com/news-story/10239214-scarborough-church-honours-canada-s-veterans-with-unique-poppy-display/>. We gratefully acknowledge those who contributed to the making of the *Poppy Project*: David, Lisa, Frank, Rev. Helena, Jaime, Peter and Gail. We would also like to thank Lisa Turner and Jane Lawrence, who both shared their stories on how significant the *Poppy Project* and Remembrance Day is for them. We thank all of those who have put forth a name of a loved one for Remembrance.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them."*



# REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Let's We Forget*

## The Emergency Food Pantry

Our Emergency Food Pantry continues to be open on Fridays from 10 am - 12 pm. If you are struggling for food, we can help. No appointment is required. We have limited stock of canned goods and packaged items. Should you require a larger supply of food, including fresh items, please visit any of the regular food banks in the area such as St. Ninian's Food Bank located at 930 Bellamy Road North (Tuesdays 5 pm - 8 pm).



**St. Peter's Pantry**  
FRIDAY 10AM - 12PM

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## News from our Wider Anglican Church Community



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## Donations

The life of St. Peter's Anglican Church solely relies on free-will offerings. Our financial program is based on weekly or monthly givings through the envelope system. At this difficult time of COVID-19, your monetary donation is worth more than ever. All donations enable us to provide adequate spiritual services to our community and beyond. You will make a difference to help us show God's love to all. Please consider donating via cheque, cash (drop-off only), or online. Visit here to donate online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-peters-church-scarborough/>. All monetary donations are graciously accepted.



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## Christmas Calendar

Be sure to mark your calendar in December for the following events:

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - *The First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 am*

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - *Advent Bible Study via Zoom (Week 1), 7:00 pm*

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - *The Second Sunday of Advent, 9:30 am*

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - *Advent Bible Study via Zoom (Week 2), 7:00 pm*

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - *The Third Sunday of Advent, 9:30 am*

Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - *Advent Bible Study via Zoom (Week 3), 7:00 pm*

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - *Blue Christmas Service, 7:00 pm*

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - *The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 am*

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - *Advent Bible Study via Zoom (Week 4), 7:00 pm*

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 pm*

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Day Service, 9:30 am*

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> - *The First Sunday after Christmas, 9:30 am*



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*"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"*

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 9 am - 1 pm

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