



# St. Peter's Anglican Church

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## The Season of Pentecost – The Holy Spirit

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



### A Pentecost Message – *What is Pentecost? Why does it matter?*

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday. The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word pentekostos, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression pentekoste hemera, which means "fiftieth day."

But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (pentekonta hemeras in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

Shavuot was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of Shavuot/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church. This event is recorded in the New Testament book known as The Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 2 begins, "And when the

day of Pentecost [ten hemeran tes pentekostes] had come, [the first followers of Jesus] were all together in one place" (2:1). All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak" (2:4).

The languages spoken by the early Christians were intelligible (not other worldly) and were heard by thousands of Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot. The content of the miraculous messages had to do with God's mighty works (2:11). Many who heard these messages in their own languages were amazed, though others thought the Christians were just drunk (2:12). At some point, Peter, one of the leading followers of Jesus, stood up and preached his first sermon. He interpreted the events of that morning in light of a prophecy of the Hebrew prophet Joel. In that text, God promised to pour out his Spirit on all flesh, empowering diverse people to exercise divine power. This would be a sign of the coming "day of the Lord" (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32).

Peter went on to explain that Jesus had been raised and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise through Joel (2:32-33). When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:37-39). Acts reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (2:41). Not a bad response to Peter's first sermon!

by Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts

## Church Banners and Ecclesiastical Embroidery

If you enter any Anglican Church in this country, it is a given that you will see banners and other pieces of ecclesiastical needlework, and St. Peter's is no exception to this rule.

On the wall behind the altar are situated banners that are changed to correspond to the church seasons. A banner depicting the keys to heaven and St. Peter's cross can be seen on the far-right side of the front of the church. On the back wall of the church are two very large banners, one depicting the story of Noah's Ark and the other showing the story of Jesus and the children. Above both entry doors to the narthex is a story banner which tells the history of St. Peter's church.

The crowning glories of our church's needlework, however, are the beautiful coloured sets of cloths with ecclesiastical embroidery, that can be found on the altar, on the pulpit and on the markers used during the services. A close inspection of our small altar linens used in the preparation and serving of the Holy Eucharist, will reveal further fine embroidery, which while on a much smaller scale than the coloured sets, is no less intricate and beautiful.

The history of ecclesiastical needlework is a long one, dating back to medieval times. St. Peter's very own dedicated and talented needlewomen who embroidered and sewed the banners and sacred cloths that we use in our worship services, have continued this ancient tradition into the modern day. All of the coloured sets of altar cloths that you see in our church were made by the skilled and artistic members of this group. The women in this group were Georgina Bonnell, Tabby Moore, Jean Newell, Bernice Lewis, Marian Bryan, Flo Prested, Aileen Brown and Louise Reid.

Louise Reid was a member of the Banner Group at St. Peter's for many years. She also does new and restorative work on church linens with the Ecclesiastical Needlework Group at St. James Cathedral where she is the longest-serving member, having started her work there forty years ago. Bernice Lewis and Jean Newell of St. Peter's also worked in this group. Louise recently repaired the burse in our purple set, which we use during Lent.

It might not be evident, from the vantage point of the pews, how extraordinarily intricate the work on our altar cloths actually is. Parishioners are invited to look at the needlework on the coloured sets to see the tiny stitches and appreciate the wonderful work of our Banner Group ladies. Their work, dedicated to the glory of God, beautifies our sanctuary and enhances our worship services. We thank them for their dedicated ministry to our church.

*by Lisa Turner*



*(Pictures courtesy of Louise Reed)*

## My Journey of Faith



I have been part of St. Peter's Anglican Church my whole life. After being married on April 18, 1949 at St. James Cathedral, I moved to Scarborough in 1956. It was only until John Weir and Doug Madden knocked on my door to invite my husband and I to St. Peter's Christmas Eve service on December 24, 1956. Rev. Olive met me at the church, and after attending for a few Sundays I was nominated to be Vestry Clerk, and I did this task for 41 years. I also sat on the Advisory Board for 25 years. I was also involved as a Cub Leader at St. Peter's.

All of my children were christened and married at St. Peter's. My husband was a Warden at the church and every part of my family and friends revolved around St. Peter's. In 1969, I moved to Unionville, Markham but I continued to attend St. Peter's Church, even after my husband died in 2004. I was part of the choir and used to sing Soprano. I also spent 20 years as a volunteer on behalf of St. Peter's church at Scarborough General Hospital.

I am a proud mother of 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. In September, I will be celebrating my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at my Daughter's home in Pickering, all are invited. More information is to follow. Blessings.

*by Mavis Collingwood*

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## The Story Behind my Favourite Hymns

1. *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* is a great example of the appreciation for God's sovereignty and love. Inspired by Psalm 103, this joyous hymn praises the Glory of God, "King of Heaven". We are encouraged to give our lives to God, as we will be ransomed, healed, restored, and forgiven. This hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte and it is one of the most broadly sung Anglican hymns.

2. *"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* was written by William Williams in 1745. It has been used for worship in congregations around the globe. Williams beautifully uses imagery from the Old Testament Book of Exodus to conjure a theme of God's guidance through struggle. One of the reasons this hymn has influenced such a broad array of congregants is the universal subject of hardship.

3. *"All People that on Earth do Dwell"*, derived from Psalm 100 is a version of Louis Bourgeois' Old Hundredth hymn tune. This version was sung at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953, with harmonization and arrangement by the composed Ralph Vaughan Williams.

4. *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"* was written to be sung at the dedication of a church. It must have been used this way for thousands of such dedications and as we sing it is a strong link to the faith and sacrifice of those dedicated Christians in past centuries who have left us such a rich heritage of church buildings. It was adapted as a hymn tune in 1842 by Ernest Hawkins, a Canon of Westminster Abbey where Purcell had been organist. It did not become popular however until it was sung a Princess Margaret's wedding in the Abbey in 1960, where it made a thrilling sound in that great space and endeared itself to many.

5. *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* is a hymn written by Charles Wesley with a theme of Christian perfection. While the hymn is one of Wesley's best known, it is also considered a prayer. In the prayer of the hymn, we are asking Jesus to enter our hearts, set our hearts free from sin, and make us a new creation in him. The hymn is written around a progression of thoughts: (1) our prayers for the Holy Spirit, (2) praying for the return of our Lord through the second coming, and (3) prayers for the finalization of his new creation.



*by Jaime Barrow*

## **Children and Youth Ministry at St. Peter's**

What an exciting few months it has been for us here at St. Peter's. First off, on behalf of all the children and volunteers we would like to give a big 'THANK YOU' to Jaime for all of his hard work in re-painting and giving the entire youth and children's space a complete makeover! The place looks great! We continue to motor along and on the highest Feast day of the year, Easter, we had 16 young people in attendance!

We also had a very successful Easter-egg 'hunt' and fun was had by all! We continue to have on average 5-9 children who are in attendance regularly and we are proud to say that one of our young men Shane- has now begun to serve as an acolyte! We hope that this trend will continue as we believe strongly that by having our young people involved in the service we will be able to retain them as lifelong parishioners! We also hope to 'resurrect' our youth-led service in the fall as it gave our young people the opportunity to read lessons and to once again partake in a meaningful way within the service.

Children and youth ministries continue to assist once a month during coffee/fellowship hour and we are thankful to Barbara, Lionel, Sharon and company, who have aided us with their respective food donations and assistance on these days. The fellowship hour is especially important as it gives our 'really young' parishioners the opportunity to serve our 'slightly older' parishioners and in turn works towards building a greater sense of servitude and community! A few of our young people were also big helpers at the most recent 'Mother's Day' luncheon and we are appreciative of their presence. Moving forward we will be having an end of year BBQ complete with games, prizes and activities!

Moving into the fall we would love to start prepping for the 2020 Confirmation Class as several of our young ladies are going to be eligible for confirmation and would make wonderful confirmands. We continue to use 'Episcopal Digital' and the online lessons for the VTS which are not only free for use but moreover are relevant, thought-provoking and engaging for our young people! We do offer a snack furnished by the leaders, every Sunday and we welcome any donations of water, juices (i.e. Tetra packs etc.) from any parishioners within the church.

On a Diocesan level, we are preparing for our annual 'Recharge Retreat' which will be held at Muskoka Woods from Sept. 13-15/2019. The event is open to all ages 12-17 and the early-bird fee will be approximately \$105.00 (with a \$20 bus fee). We do have bursaries available but please do let myself and/or Youvi know if you are interested in attending as we had 169 young people there last year and it fills up fast!

Also, for our older youth-please come out to St. Paul's L'Amoreaux for its Annual Young Adult's BBQ and Worship Service slated for June 8, 2019 from 6pm-9pm. The Rev. Orvin Lao will be speaking and this will be a wonderful time of praise, worship and fellowship! (Bring a friend!) We also recently supported the 'BRAVE' female empowerment event held on May 25<sup>th</sup> at John's York Mills. This was an action-packed morning with Canadian recording-artist July Black performing! The event highlighted and informed parents and young girls and ladies around the realities of cyber bullying and victimization. A heavy but important and very relevant topic.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers and we promise to uplift all at the church as well!



*Ian Physick (Youth Group Leader)*



*Youvi Youvarajah (Sunday School Teacher)*

### St. Peter's Garden

We would like to thank Madge Latchana, Claude Williams, Ian Physick, Clyde Tucker, and Michael Barrow for their work on St. Peter's Garden!



### Scarborough Steeplechase 2019

The Scarborough Deanery Steeplechase 2019 will be happening on Saturday September 21. Please mark on your calendar. Each parish has been asked to have one or more teams to join the race from Holy Trinity Guildwood to Grace Church, Scarborough and host a brief activity for other teams at their site. St. Peter's church needs to get ready now and volunteer a team to do Scarborough Steeplechase and also to host the event when the teams arrive on our site.



### Kurt Kornfehl

It is with great sadness that the Kornfehl family announced the peaceful passing of Kurt Kornfehl at Scarborough General Hospital on May 10th, 2019. Beloved husband of Ileen for 54 years. Loving father of Joanne and James (Virginia). Cherished Opa to Tyler, Taelyn and Brianna. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### Upper Hall Renovations

We would like to thank Jaime Barrow for all of his hard work renovating, painting, and cleaning the Upper Hall. Also thanks to Ian Physick for donating the paint and other cleaning supplies, Gloria Ramsay-Hall for organizing the Sunday School and Crafts, Marline and Don for laundering the hall curtains, and Youvi for her assistance. Don't forget to go upstairs and take a look!



**Spring Sale - Saturday, May 11, 2019**

Many thanks to all of those who came out to our Annual Spring Sale. Special thanks to Bob Bowering and Charles Sargeant for organizing a very successful event. Thanks to Valerie Blackmann for organizing the vendors, Jaime Barrow for his hot lunch, and the Sunshine Group for running the bake sale. We would also like to thank all of those who made donations to the sale and to the Fundraising / Planning Committee for their behind the scenes work.

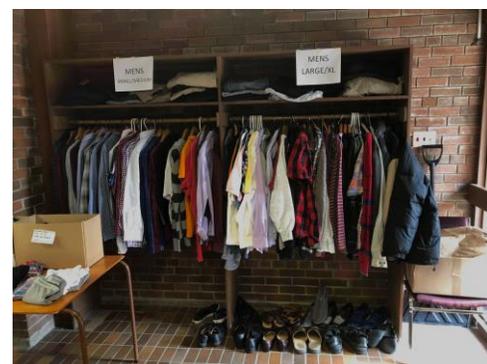
**Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12, 2019**

Thanks to the fundraising/planning committee for putting together a lovely luncheon for us on Mother's Day. Thanks to those individuals who donated the food. The men did a great job at serving, especially the Rev. Canon Gregory Physick. Thanks to Charles Sargeant for the gifts for the women and the Altar Guild for their beautiful carnations.



**Clothing Giveaway/BBQ - Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Many thanks to the those who donated items for the Clothing Giveaway, came out to sort, hang and fold, participated at the Giveaway/BBQ and also to those who made financial donations all helping to make it a success! Thank You.



**Multicultural Night - Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Many thanks to all who came out to our Annual Multicultural Dinner, we had a lovely evening. Thanks to everyone who made food donations and other contributions towards this event. Thanks from the Fundraising/Planning Committee for a successful night!



**Father's Day Luncheon - Sunday, June 16, 2019**

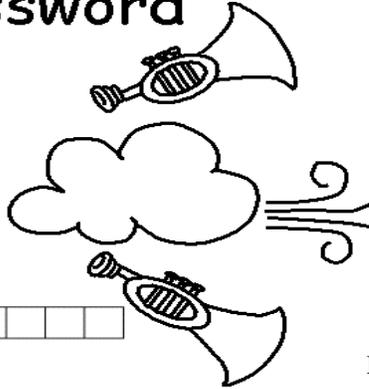
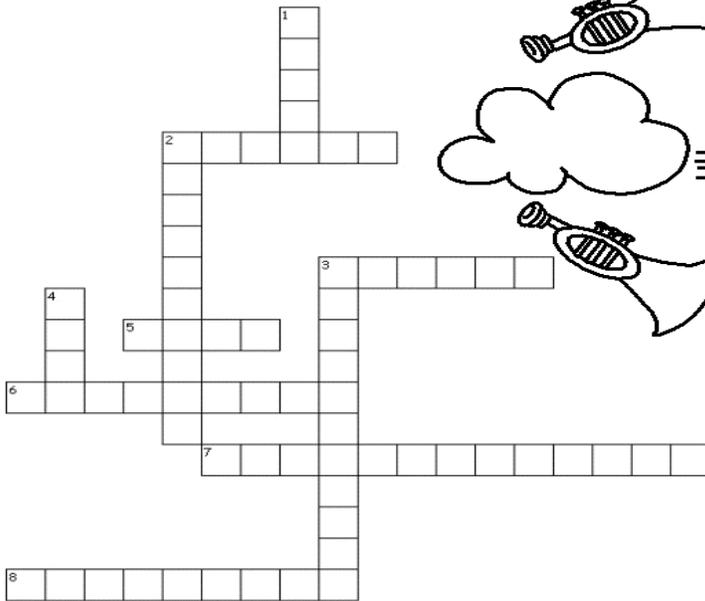
All are invited to our Father's Day Celebration following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will be having a light lunch courtesy of the Fundraising & Planning Committee. All men are encouraged to attend our 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. services as we will be handing out special gifts. All women are asked to participate in serving the men for the lunch. A reminder to bring your aprons ladies!

**Parish Picnic - Sunday, June 23, 2019**

The Sunshine Group is happy to announce that St. Peter's annual Church Picnic will be held rain or shine on Sunday, June 23 after the 10:30 service. Food tables will be set up in the lower church hall but please bring a lawn chair if you wish to enjoy your food and snacks outdoors. The Sunshine Group will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs and condiments and drinks. Food and snacks donations from parishioners are enthusiastically encouraged! We would especially appreciate salads (potato salad, pasta salad, bean salad, etc.) and snacks and sweets.

*Fun & Games*

**Pentecost Crossword**



**Somebody's Mother -  
Mary Dow Brine (1816-1913)**

The woman was old and ragged and gray and bent with the chill of the Winter's day. The street was wet with a recent snow and the woman's feet were aged and slow.

She stood at the crossing and waited long, alone, uncared for, amid the throng of human beings who passed her by nor heeded the glance of her anxious eyes.

Down the street, with laughter and shout, glad in the freedom of "school let out," Came the boys like a flock of sheep, hailing the snow piled white and deep.

Past the woman so old and gray hastened the children on their way. Nor offered a helping hand to her - so meek, so timid, afraid to stir. Lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came one of the merry troop, the gayest laddie of all the group; he paused beside her and whispered low, "I'll help you cross, if you wish to go."

Her aged hand on his strong young arm she placed, and so, without hurt or harm, he guided the trembling feet along, proud that his own were firm and strong.

Then back again to his friends he went, his young heart happy and well content. "She's somebody's mother, boys, you know, for all she's aged and poor and slow,

"And I hope some fellow will lend a hand to help my mother, you understand, "If ever she's poor and old and gray, when her own dear boy is far away."

And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head in her home that night, and the prayer she said was "God be kind to the noble boy, who is somebody's son, and pride and joy!"

**Across**

- 2. This Pentecost was special because the Holy \_\_\_\_ filled the disciples.
- 3. Only after they were \_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit did the disciples speak in tongues.
- 5. A violent \_\_\_\_ from heaven suddenly came into the house where they were gathered.
- 6. This is the Greek word for fiftieth (the fiftieth day after Easter).
- 7. The day of Pentecost was a very special day, not ordinary but \_\_\_\_.
- 8. All of the disciples began speaking in different \_\_\_\_.

**Down**

- 1. Because of the Holy Spirit now the believers had this to be witnesses to everyone.
- 2. The fire from Heaven \_\_\_\_ the new power and presence of the Holy Spirit in them.
- 3. Pentecost was also called the day of this, when the people brought an offering.
- 4. It looked like tongues of this separated and came to rest on each of the disciples.



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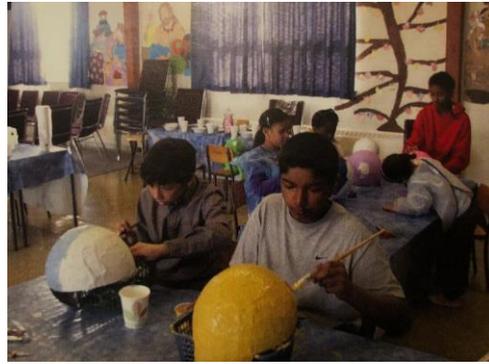
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Interested in becoming a member of our Parish? Please see below for a list of our ministries or visit [stpetersscarborough.ca](http://stpetersscarborough.ca) for more information.

- Altar Guild
- Choir
- Sunday School
- Fundraising/Planning Committee
- Sunshine Group
- Readers
- Chalice Bearers
- Servers
- Sidespersons
- Outreach



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 Eucharist Service**

**10:30 a.m. Choral Service** (alternating between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion)

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Book of Alternative Services (BAS) are both used at the Sunday Services, alternating week by week.

We also have a Wednesday morning service:

**11:30 a.m. Holy Communion Healing & Anointing Service**

The new contemporary service is used at the Wednesday morning service.

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*To Know Christ and Make Him Known*

### Editor's Note

Thank you for reading the third issue of St. Peter's Newsletter. I would specially like to thank Lisa Turner, Louise Reid, Ian Physick, Youvi Youvarajah, and Gloria Ramsay-Hall for their contributions to this Pentecost edition Newsletter. It was a pleasure to interview Mavis Collingwood and ask her questions about her Journey of Faith! Furthermore, I would like to express a hearty thanks to all of the members of St. Peter's Church and our surrounding community for their support as we seek to Know Christ and Make Him Known.

Jaime Barrow