



PARISH NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2022

Greetings from your team at St. Peter's on-the-Rock!

A message from your Senior Warden, Carol Corner:

As we navigate the new world around us, I hope you have set your sights on joining us once again this summer at our beloved **St. Peter's on-the-Rock**. We have been working hard to make sure the doors will be open for our 108th year, and the island ready for your return. With the last two pandemic summers now in our rear-view mirror, I feel we have very much to be thankful for.

St. Peter's on-the-Rock would not exist, let alone thrive, without the help of our amazing volunteers. A Vestry list is enclosed with this newsletter, and this will give you a sense of the many tasks that are regularly performed. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you!

I would like to especially thank **Ward Strickland** (now our Past Warden) for his guidance, **Rachel Corbett** (our Secretary who also does many more things) and **Pat Bunting** (our Treasurer who keeps our finances organized). We are also pleased to welcome to the team our new Junior Warden, **Aaron Thompson**. And, we have engaged the services and support of two Sextons for the summer, **Taylor Dalton** and **Avery Partridge**. These two young women will be instrumental in taking care of the daily needs of the church building and grounds and will also be assisting in various program areas.

Calling all helpers who love flowers ...

*Do you have a flower garden at your cottage? Do you like to hike the local trails and look at wildflowers? Do your neighbours or friends have flowers growing at their cottages? Our coordinator of Altar Flowers, **Sheila Gallagher**, is looking for more volunteers to help with her portfolio. Flowers for the two altar windows are installed weekly for our Sunday Services. Pick a week, pick some flowers, and arrange them in one of our many glass vases.... We need your help and would love to hear from you! If interested, please contact Sheila directly at shgalltoronto@gmail.com.*

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When you arrive at the Church this summer you will notice all new siding, door and window trim, and hardwood door sills on the church building and the clergy cottage. And possibly a few other improvements too! We give a heartfelt thank-you to the 35 families who have given so generously to our Restoration Project, and we also thank the **Stony Lake Heritage Foundation** which has also made a significant contribution. And thanks to **Andrew McDermott**, our capable contractor for this project.

Music has always been central to worship at St. Peter's, and we are indebted to our long-time Music Director, **Helen Batten**. Helen provided exceptional support for our online services in 2020 and 2021 and like the rest of us, she looks forward to being back in church tickling the keys of the organ and piano and leading us in hymns. Our **Music Scholars Program**, generously supported by **Don (and the late Margaret) Walter and family**, is up and running again. This program provides bursaries to promising young musicians. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please reach out to **Bern Kelly** for further information at bernkelly2222@gmail.com.

Of course, St. Peter's would not be possible at all without the enthusiasm and leadership of our summer Clergy. In July, we will welcome back **Major the Rev. Canon Don Aitchison** from Port Hope. This will be Don's fourth and final summer with us and he has been instrumental in guiding us safely through two pandemic summers. His video skills and music contributions are also duly noted! We will miss you, Don!

In August, we welcome a new priest: the **Rev. Dr. Mary-Cate Garden** will be joining us from Ottawa, where she is Incumbent at St. Martin's Anglican Church in the west end of the city. Prior to being called to Ministry, Mary-Cate was an archaeologist and heritage specialist, holding degrees from the University of Toronto, The William and Mary University (Virginia) and Cambridge University. Mary-Cate looks forward to meeting all of you, and at the time of writing this newsletter was waiting to collect a new puppy to bring with her to Stony Lake.

Here are some dates and times to remember for this coming summer:

- Clean-up day is **Saturday, June 18th** starting at 9:30 AM. Feel free to come and help us out! If you plan to join us, bring drinking water and a snack.
- Every Sunday **starting July 3rd**, 10 in total, we will be running our regular services - **8:00 AM** is **Holy Eucharist** (a spoken service) and **10:30 AM** is our **Family Service** (Morning Prayer), with music and Sunday School.
- On **Sunday, July 10th**, our Bishop of Trent-Durham, **Riscylla Shaw**, will be visiting and leading both Sunday services. We hope to host a Vestry Lunch following the family service - stay tuned for the details!
- On **Wednesday, July 13th** St. Peter's will be hosting the Association of Stony Lake Cottagers (ASLC) **Ladies Lunch!** This is a potluck lunch which raises funds for our partner organization ASLC, and which has been on hiatus for two summers. We hope you will join us! The cost is \$10 for a wonderful lunch and fantastic (female) company. If you wish to volunteer to help, please contact me directly.

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- **Baptisms** occur once per month in the summer. Baptism dates are **July 17th** and **August 14th**. If you are interested in baptism at St. Peter's, please contact **Ann Dobbin** at adobbin@dobbinsales.com.
- We offer **Holy Communion** at the 10:30 AM Family service once per month. For 2022, these dates are **July 10th** (coinciding with the Bishop's visit) and **August 7th**.

On the wedding front, we will be busy this summer with six already scheduled! If someone in your family is thinking of getting married at St. Peter's, we have prepared a new **Wedding Information Package** which can now be downloaded from the 'Programs' section of our website.

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to these members of our lake community, who have passed away since last summer:

- **Mike Dean** (November 30th, 2021)
- **Gary Scriver** (December 13th, 2021)
- **Eb Zeidler** (January 7th, 2022)
- **Joan Wotherspoon** (January 29th, 2022)
- **Beth Lech** (February 10th, 2022)
- **Mike Cork** (March 8th, 2022)
- **Sharon Scriver** (March 17th, 2022)

As we look forward to summer, and reflect upon our safe, secure and privileged lives here in Canada, let us turn our hearts and prayers to the people of Ukraine, and to the generous people of the neighbouring countries in Eastern Europe who are doing so much to welcome Ukrainian refugees.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this powerful quote that is so fitting for our current times:

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will be at peace"

- Jimi Hendrix

Sincerely,

Carol

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