

## **SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019**

Greetings from St. Peter's on-the-Rock 2019 Wardens, Tony Whittingham & June Cooper:

Your Wardens & Vestry are delighted to welcome you back for the 105<sup>th</sup> summer of worship at St. Peter's on-the-Rock. Our island church has served as a famous landmark and a beloved beacon – both navigational & spiritual -- at the crossroads of Devil's Elbow & Hell's Gate Channels since 1914. We can all rightly celebrate our stature as a true national treasure in the heart of Ontario cottage country.

We are pleased to report that the family of St. Peter's on-the-Rock begins our 2019 summer season on a healthy & positive note.

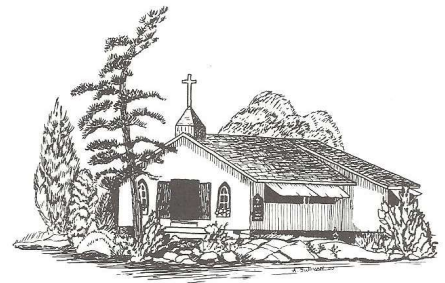
- Last year, our official parish list remained strong – numbering more than 340 cottagers and off-lake visitors. That said, our actual weekly attendance does appear to have slightly abated. Even so, we had in excess of 140 families and individual donors making receiptable donations.
- To further sustain our financial future, we are delighted to announce the establishment of the new St. Peter's on-the-Rock Endowment Fund. Under the leadership of **Treasurer Pat Bunting**, the formal launch of this initiative – so important in securing the future of our island church – will take place this year on “Stewardship Sunday”, set for 28 July.
- Please welcome our roster of presiding summer clergy. For 2019, we have two gifted and charismatic Anglican ministers leading us throughout the 10 official Sundays of July & August. In addition, we will have another long-term friend of St. Peter's concluding with Thanksgiving Sunday on 13 October 2019. (Please see below).

- Starting this summer, St. Peter's will be expanding our “digital footprint” in the world of Social Media. We've rebooted our Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/stpetersontherock/](http://www.facebook.com/stpetersontherock/)) and opened a photography presence on Instagram (#stpetersontherock) In addition, we've set up our own St. Peter's web-page ([www.stpetersontherock.org](http://www.stpetersontherock.org)) and have created a general mailbox ([hellostpeters@gmail.com](mailto:hellostpeters@gmail.com)) for receiving & answering correspondence. Visit us, Like us & Follow us. Send us your POSTINGS! Please also send us your suggestions.

- Another continuous legacy is St. Peter's commitment to music. We're genuinely proud of the growing success of our special program to foster & mentor young rising talent in amateur & community musical performance. The St. Peter's Music Scholar's Program this year enters its 5<sup>th</sup> year – providing student musicians with a performance venue, a supportive audience and financial compensation, while also making a valuable contribution to the mission of the church.
- Last year, St. Peter's formed a new Outreach Initiative connecting us more closely with local and regional sister Anglican churches. Specifically, our end-of-summer Food Bank Drive enabled us to contribute to the anti-poverty efforts of St. John's Anglican Church of Lakefield ON. It is to be hoped these initiatives will continue and even expand further during 2019.

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**St. Peter's 2019-2020 Photo Directory.** A new photo booklet – our 1<sup>st</sup> since 2005 – will be prepared this summer. All members of the extended St. Peter's family are invited to "sit" for their official "photo portrait" on 4 available dates in July & August (see calendar below). Photo sessions will take place on Clergy Island and will take about 20 minutes per sitting. For information & bookings please see website (below). NOTE: There is NO CHARGE for the July-August photo sittings at St. Peter's. The glossy photo directory booklet & 1-sheet sample photographs will also be provided FREE OF CHARGE to all St. Peter's participants. Additional commemorative photos will be available for purchase. NOTE: We have engaged IPC Canada Photo Services Inc – largest church directory producer in Canada – as our photographer and producer. For information and photo appointment bookings, please visit [www.ipcphoto.ca](http://www.ipcphoto.ca) for details (**Password: myphoto**). See also the IPC Canada informational flyer enclosed with this newsletter mailing.

- Our 2019 roster of St. Peter's volunteers continues to devote invaluable talent & time. More than 20 St. Peter's members & families are actively engaged in keeping our doors open every week, all summer long. It Truly Takes a Village! As we plan our current summer, we're confident our tasks are successfully assigned. But, going forward, **more volunteers will definitely be needed**. Please consider making this your year to step forward to join the St. Peter's Team!

### APPRECIATIONS

Grateful appreciation should be expressed for the hard work of last year's special Finance Committee, responsible for developing the investment strategy for the new St. Peter's on-the-Rock Endowment Fund. This output was achieved through the work of Chair **Tony McNeil**, together with committee members, **Swatty Wotherspoon, Ron Drake, Ross Dobbin** & legal expert **Blair McKenzie**.

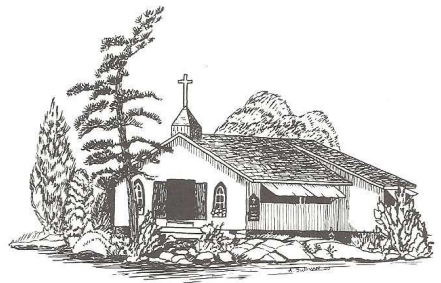
Among St. Peter's core volunteers, we offer praise & thanksgiving for the tireless work of **Roz Titley**, who has stepped back after many years as Vestry Recording Secretary and also to **Barb Hatch** for her years as faultless coordinator of our famous lake-immersion public Baptisms. Special thanks to **Christopher Bunting** for stepping up as interim Secretary and to multi-year church veteran **Ann Dobbin** as interim Baptism head.

Special thanks is owed to **Past Warden Kathy McNeil**, last year's popular Senior Warden, whose calm, steady & cheerful leadership helped navigate our community through a range of subtle but challenging issues. Equally, we are sorry to lose the Vestry membership of **Ross Dobbin**, last year's Past Warden, who made a significant contribution to our succession & financial planning initiatives in 2018.

We are also grateful to **June Cooper**, this year's incoming Junior Warden. Together with husband **Mark Cooper**, June is a long-time St. Peter's stalwart.

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With continuing gratitude for our church's commitment to musical excellence, we say thanks to parishioner and long-time Vestry member **Don Walter** for his family's leadership & financial support. As ever, we express appreciation to former Warden **Bern Kelly** for the Music Scholars' Program and to tireless music director **Helen Batten** for their sustaining musical leadership.

Another core mission of St. Peter's is the energizing of our youth. We provide a vibrant Sunday School to children & grandchildren throughout the summer during the main 10:30 service. Huge thanks to **Betsy McGregor** and her team for this inspired leadership. Equally, we have a friendly open-air, all-ages coffee party after the service (thanks to **Jenny Chambers**!) – refreshed on your way back to the boat!

Our thanks also to parishioner **Kyle Kelly** for his skills in spear-heading this year's social media initiatives.

Finally, we're delighted that St. Peter's two young assistants -- **Johnny Scace** and **Charlotte Chambers** -- will both be returning for the 2019 summer as "sextons" to manage the daily & weekly operation & maintenance the church property. All under the benign gaze of Property Chairman **Nathan Chambers**.

### FAREWELLS

Earlier this year, we said a fond farewell to **Dr. Grant Farrow**, who cast a giant shadow throughout the communities of Lower Stony and Upper Stoney and who was a faithful pillar of this church. Our thoughts are with **Ruth Farrow** and all the extended family – all loyal members of St. Peter's.

We commiserate with our own beloved **Connie Wahl-Farrell** on the mid-winter loss of her precious son, **Thomas Wahl**, known to many lakere.

### 2019 St. PETER'S CLERGY

**July :** Major the Rev. Canon Don Aitchison      Chaplain, Trinity College School / Port Hope  
Chaplain, 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Regiment of Canada

Beginning July 2019 at St. Peter's for the first time, Canon Don Aitchison brings a successful 20-year pastoral practice among teens & young adults as Chaplain at Trinity College School (TCS) in Port Hope – and is concurrently Chaplain to the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Regiment. Hence Don is an Anglican priest AND a genuine Major in the Canadian Forces! Padre Don is widely liked and is also an accomplished historian & genealogist of military history, Canadiana and regional social history.

**August:** The Rev. Matthew McMillan      Incumbent, St. Mary's Anglican Church / Richmond Hill

We're also especially delighted by the return of **Rev. Matthew McMillan** and family for their second summer at St. Peter's. Priest-in-charge at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill. Together with his wife **Pam**, Rev. Matt made an immediate impact last year in his first summer at the St. Peter's Rectory, quickly participating fully in community and parish life. Father Matt is also an apt and memorable speaker. Rev Matt & Pam will be returning to St. Peter's from August 1 – September 2 along with their two small children, **Molly & Dougall**.

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**Thanksgiving:** The Rev. Canon Milton Barry Incumbent (ret.) of Grace Church on-the-Hill / Toronto

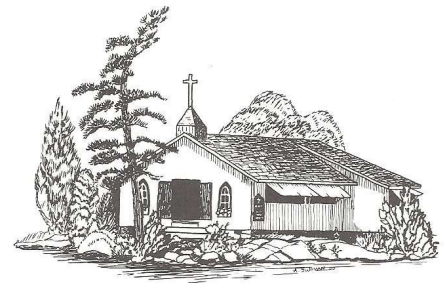
**Canon Milton Barry** is a familiar and well-loved visitor to St. Peter's from many years of Peterborough ministry and in retirement. Rev. Milton will be joining us with his wife, **Shirley**, during the final service on Thanksgiving Sunday, 13 October.

## SUMMER 2019: KEY DATES

NOTE: In this year's list of our events, we have added designations to enable commemoration of individual Sundays. For example: "Back to Church Sunday" and "Stewardship Sunday" etc.

<b>Saturday 8 June</b>	<b>Church Island Opening &amp; Cleanup + BBQ</b>	09:00
<b>Saturday 8 June</b>	<b>Spring Vestry Meeting</b>	13:30
<b>Sunday 9 June</b>	<b>RAIN Date</b>	
<b>Saturday June 29</b>	Church Welcome @ ASLC Juniper Island AGM & Opening Day	
<b>Sunday 30 June</b>	July Opening & Canada Day Sunday	
<b>Sunday 7 July</b>	"Back to Church" Sunday	
<b>Sunday 14 July</b>	Baptism Sunday	
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	<b>St. Peter's Photo Directory Appointments</b>	11:00 – 17:00
<b>Saturday 20 July</b>	<b>St. Peter's Photo Directory Appointments</b>	10:00 – 16:00
<b>Sunday 21 July</b>	Family Communion Sunday	
<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	"Stewardship" Sunday	
	<b>Midsummer Vestry Meeting</b>	12 noon
<b>Sunday 4 August</b>	August Session Opening Sunday	
<b>Friday 9 August</b>	<b>St. Peter's Photo Directory Appointments</b>	11:00 – 17:00
<b>Saturday 10 August</b>	<b>St. Peter's Photo Directory Appointments</b>	10:00 – 16:00
<b>Sunday 11 August</b>	Baptism Sunday	
	<b>Wardens' Luncheon</b>	13:00
<b>Saturday 17 August</b>	Wedding	16:00
<b>Sunday 18 August</b>	Communion Sunday	
	<b>August Vestry Meeting</b>	12 noon
<b>Saturday 24 August</b>	Wedding	15:00
<b>Sunday 25 August</b>	"Sunday School" Sunday	
	<b>Annual Vestry Meeting</b>	12 noon
<b>Saturday 31 August</b>	Wedding	14:00
<b>Sunday 1 September</b>	Labour Day Closing Service	
<b>Sunday 13 October</b>	Thanksgiving Service	
<b>Sunday 13 October</b>	<b>Church Closing work-crew</b>	12 noon

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**TREASURER'S REPORT (Pat Bunting)**

The treasurer's focus in 2018 was on bookkeeping accuracy, expense control and donation management.

**Expenses**

I am pleased to report total 2018 General Operating Expenses were again favourable to budget. A planned 2019 General Operating Expense budget of \$28.7K will be brought forward for Select Vestry approval.

<b>ST. PETER'S ON-THE-ROCK ANNUAL EXPENSE SUMMARY</b>								
	K\$	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	Notes	2019 Budget
1 Church	\$	13.2	\$ 11.8	\$ 12.2	\$ 12.5	\$ 13.2	New coffee cups	\$ 12.3
2 Administration	\$	5.8	\$ 3.1	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.0	\$ 1.8		\$ 2.0
3 Operating	\$	4.6	\$ 5.3	\$ 5.5	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.3	Bell telephone	\$ 5.3
4 Property	\$	8.4	\$ 6.8	\$ 6.0	\$ 8.6	\$ 7.2	Delayed tree removal	\$ 8.9
5 Cottage	\$	1.2	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.4		\$ 0.2
Annual Expenses	\$	33.2	\$ 27.9	\$ 26.0	\$ 28.7	\$ 27.9		\$ 28.7

- 1 Coffee, maintenance, honoraria, outreach, printing
- 2 Office supplies, newsletter, professional fees,
- 3 Telephone, insurance, taxes, hydro
- 4 Sexton, septic, plumbing, docks, boats, marina
- 5 Maintenance, supplies, furniture, equipments, cleaning

**Capital Improvements**

For 2018, \$10K was set aside from the Capital Account for capital improvements. Of this \$5.7K was spent on needed cottage upgrades (new fridge, kitchen / bathroom flooring, deck maintenance, chimney repairs, smoke detector replacement, floodlight upgrades). For 2019, 12.5K will be recommended to Select Vestry for approval for a new BBQ, public washroom upgrades, small dock deck repairs plus a handrail system to assist large boat dock access.

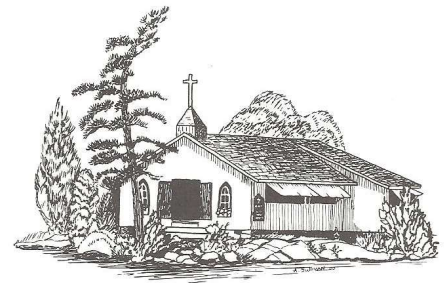
<b>Capital Budget Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2018 Actual</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>
New front outside flood light needs replacing	\$ 700	\$ 695	
Resurfacing Docks	\$ 1,000		
Cottage upgrades	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,993	\$ 1,000
Decking small dock	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Public Washroom upgrades			\$ 2,000
Metal handrail system for large boat dock access	\$ 1,500		\$ 7,500
	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,688	\$ 12,500

**Fundraising**

Funds raised through the name tag initiative enabled the purchase of 12 large print hymn books



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Giving

In 2018, despite reduced attendance, there was a year over year increase in giving. The generosity of the St. Peter's community is significant, continuing to allow us to build a reserve for unforeseen events.

General Endowment Fund

Responding to the competing trends of reduced attendance and escalating costs, the St. Peter's General Endowment Fund has been established thereby enabling St. Peter's to receive and invest gifts, bequeathed or otherwise, of securities or cash, the returns from which will provide St. Peter's the long term financial security that it needs for the generations to come. The fund is already closing in on \$100K. For further information on how you might participate, please contact the treasurer, Pat Bunting at [pmbunting@gmail.com](mailto:pmbunting@gmail.com).

**ST. PETER'S-On-The-ROCK Select Vestry 2019**

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**CONCLUSION**

O then what raptured greetings  
On Stony's happy shore,  
What knitting severed friendships up,  
Where partings are no more!

**Tony Whittingham**  
Senior Warden

**June Cooper**  
Junior Warden