

For the week of August 9, 2020

CATHEDRAL CHRONICLE

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WEEKLY PRAYER CYCLE

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Geoff & Charlotte Read; Judy Robertson; Cerena Robinson; Valerie Rodney.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: In the world-wide Anglican Communion we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda, The Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda & Bishop of Shyira. In the Anglican Church of Canada we pray for Bishop Robert Hardwick, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray for The Dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories. In our partner diocese of Cuba we pray for Santa Maria de la Gracia in Cespedes; The Reverend Rody Perez Risco, minister-in-charge and the people of that parish. In our diocese of Niagara we pray for our Bishop, The Right Reverend Susan Bell, All Saints Lutheran Anglican, Guelph, The Reverend Stephen Gross, Interim Pastor, The Reverend Canon Bill Thomas, Assistant Priest, The Reverend Deacon Christine Clatworthy, Deacon and the people of that parish.

As a community we pray for: The chronically ill, those in long-term care institutions, persons with dementia and those who help, support, counsel and care for them.

Those who have asked to be remembered in our prayers: Susan Andrews; Eric Mills; Jim Lawson; Susan Worrall; Paul & Barbara Clifford; Bob Snelling; Margit Kafka; Pam Blackwood; Jane Sinclair; David; Peter; Brian; Rob & family; Kathy, Lynn, Rob, Katie & Chloe; Jenny.

St. Christopher's Anglican Church
Presents

Summer Jazz

A Jazz Vespers Service via Zoom
Sunday, August 16, 4:00pm

To register send an email to staff@stcb.ca.

Centering Prayer Continues

Centering Prayer is a practice of contemplative silence. Its purpose is to develop comfort and ease with reaching inward, listening to heart, opening to spirit. Our group continues to meet on Thursdays 7:30-8:30am, to learn and to pray together since 2016. For more information, on how to join their Zoom meetings please contact Dale Guenter.

Cathedral Services

As we are unable to worship together during the pandemic, we invite you to attend the following Cathedral services listed below.

Evening Prayer for Pentecost 10, August 9

To access the order of service [click here](#).

To access the audio [click here](#).

Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

To view the service on YouTube [click here](#)



Black Anglicans of Canada is hosting a series of weekly conversations on anti-black racism during the month of August.

August 12: The Impact of Anti-Black Racism in Education in Ontario

Speaker: Jacqui Getfield, PhD Candidate and College Professor

August 19: Anti-Black Racism in Housing: Secrets Revealed

Speaker: Dr Nemoy Lewis, Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Toronto

August 26: Overcoming the Myth of the Model Minority: Anti-Black Racism in the South Asian Community

Speaker: The Reverend Alison Hari-Singh, Assistant Curate, St Martin-In-the Fields

Zoom link is provided in the confirmation email.
All sessions start at 8:00pm.

[Click here](#) to register for any of the events.

SUMMER CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

As in previous years, the Cathedral office will shift to a four day work week during the month of August. Emails and phone messages will continue to be answered Monday through Thursday.



PRAYER CORNER

God of life,
you have promised to be with us every day,
also in difficult days, like in times like these.

Give us clarity in our minds,
strength in our work and discernment,
rest as we sleep, peace in our minds.

Be with those who need help
more than we do ourselves
help us to see what we can offer
from your love. **Amen.**

(From the World Council of Churches General Secretary.)



Please [click here](#) to see the response to the explosion in Beirut. You

can support PWRDF's efforts by:

- donating on line through the above link
- sending a cheque to: PWRDF, 80 Hayden St., 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2
- call 1-866-308-7973, leave a message and your call will be returned by someone who will process your donation over the phone.

Cathedral Prayer Line

In these particularly difficult times, life can be overwhelming, family, friends, health concerns, relationships, financial problems. Could you use prayer?



Leave a confidential message at:
kathywolsey@sympatico.ca or
905-527-0432 or 905-527-1316 ext 240

WORSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

PODCASTS: Listen to our Evening Prayer Services on Spotify or Apple Podcast.



YOUTUBE: Watch Eucharist with Spiritual Communion.

WEBSITE: Links to Evening Prayer and Eucharist with Spiritual Communion orders of service.



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

You are invited to gather for Coffee Hour on **Sunday, September 13 at 11am** via Zoom. You can join by phone for an audio only participation if you don't have or aren't comfortable operating with a camera and microphone on your computer, tablet or other digital device. If you would like to attend please send an email to cathedral@niagaraanglican.ca and instructions will be forwarded to you. Numbers are limited so please respond by **Wednesday, September 9**. Don't forget your coffee/tea!



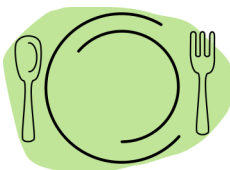
Notice of Annual General Meeting for Jamesville Children's Centre

All are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting via Zoom.

Date: Tuesday September 22, 2020

Time: 6:30pm

Please RSVP to Lisa Fulsom at 905-577-9255 if you would like to attend.



COMMUNITY DINNERS TAKE AWAY ONLY Walk up or Drive through

Grace Valley Church & St. James Anglican Church will serve a free take-out meal **every Monday evening**.

WHEN: 6-7pm

WHERE: St. James Church
137 Melville St., Dundas

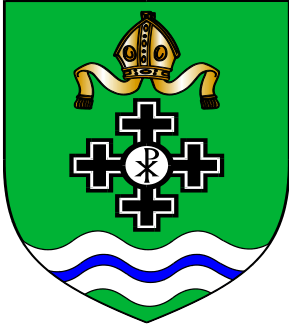
WHO: Anyone who needs a meal

COST: None

EUCHARIST WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Join Bishop Susan Bell on August 16th, on the diocesan Facebook page.

[Click here](#)



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August 5, 2020

Dear friends,

I hope that this finds you well in the midst of these very challenging times. Our time of eucharistic fasting in a pandemic-mandated wilderness of physical isolation and exile has gone on very much longer than we might have expected and certainly longer than any of us have wanted.

I am so grateful that this time apart has been blessed by the many and varied ways in which we have been able to gather in prayer and, virtually, in worship (livestreamed worship with the Bishop, audio podcasts of Cathedral evening prayer, audio-visual recordings of the eucharist with spiritual communion, Thursday morning's Centering Prayer group), through digitally enabled meetings, social gatherings and coffee hours; on the phone; in writing via email and mail; and, for some of our members, sharing in an on-site essential justice ministry of hospitality and friendship with many vulnerable members of our city in the Resting & Hygiene Centre which we operated from mid-May to mid-July.

Nevertheless, it is not the same as being together in person. We have waited for a very long time for the word that we can return and our pent up yearning to do so has been palpable. I am writing to let you know that we can see a return on the horizon. Last week, as a diocese and as the Anglican Church in this province, we received a number of resources which will assist us in planning for a return to in-person worship in the fall. Helped by this diocesan guide, I look forward to meeting (when I return from three weeks of vacation in the latter part of August) with a Cathedral Reopening Working Group to develop and submit (for diocesan approval) a detailed and careful plan for a hoped-for return to in-person worship sometime in October. Many thanks to Dale Guenter, Kerry Lubrick, Alison Meredith, Derek Smith, Kyle Sofianek, Dan Tatarnic, John Watts, and perhaps one or two others, for their willingness, to help us develop our reopening plan!

However, as has been abundantly clear in the staged reopening of our society and economy and in the elaborate plans for resumption of daycare and school operations, the return to "normal" is not normal at all. The Reopening Working Group will be making recommendations for a very different kind of experience. Our practices for what were once daily or weekly activities have changed and are changing profoundly. These changes are required by our desire and responsibility to love our neighbours as ourselves. They are for the safety and well-being of all participants in our worship and ministries.

Until further relaxing of the public-health and diocesan mandated, safety restrictions is possible and prudent, as we understand the guidelines now, in-person worship in the fall will need to include:

- Limits of no more than 50 persons in the Cathedral (including all worship leaders), with digital recording of services to be shared with those unable to attend;
- Advance registration of a desire to attend on a particular date, and, screening and tracking for tracing purposes of those who actually do attend;
- Physically distanced (2 meters) access to and from, movement through and seating in (except where people from the same 10 person "bubbles" or cohorts are able to sit together) in the worship space and other parts of the building;

- Regular handwashing/sanitizing;
- Wearing of masks as mandated by city by-laws (except where contraindicated);
- Refraining from congregational singing and limits on choral singing;
- Refraining from the distribution of refreshments (coffee hours);
- Refraining from the use of reusable worship handouts and books;
- Reception of communion bread only
- Foregoing separate child-care arrangements (children would need to be with other members of their family cohort during the service); and,
- Scrupulous sanitizing of the spaces (including washrooms), furniture and equipment.

Please know that we intend to continue to provide weekly spiritual communion services and evening prayer podcasts in August and September until a new pattern of worship, which we hope will include both in-person worship services and distribution of digital recordings, emerges. [In the middle of September the evening prayer podcasts will start being released (or “premiered”) for listening on Wednesdays.]

With an October resumption in mind as our goal and with awareness of the kinds of restrictions which will govern our in-person gatherings, it would help a great deal as we plan for realizing our goal of safe, in-person worship, if you would let our office know if you intend to register to take part in in-person, on-site Sunday worship services. Knowing how many of our congregation plan to attend, will help us decide how many services to plan to hold and how to conduct our in-person services when they resume.

Would you please send to Alison Meredith, our Parish Administrator, your answers [in the mail or in an email to cathedral@niagaraanglican.ca] to the following survey questions on or before August 17?

Answering separately for each individual congregation member for whom you are responding,

1) I, _____, DO or DO NOT (circle or check the appropriate one) plan to return to Sunday, in-person worship services when they resume in October.

2) If you answered I DO plan to attend when services resume in October, please indicate the expected frequency. I plan to attend:

Weekly /Bi-weekly /Monthly /Periodically /
(circle or check the most appropriate answer).

3) If you answered I DO NOT plan to attend when services resume in October, please state when you would feel comfortable returning for in-person worship services.

Looking forward to hearing from you shortly and seeing you as soon as possible, I remain, yours in Christ,



The Rev'd Canon Terry DeForest
Rector in the Interim