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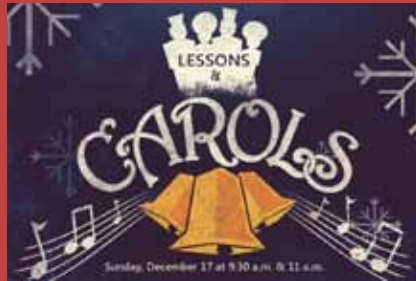


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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sanctuary Hours

Sundays: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parking

Parking is free on Sunday mornings at the Manulife building located on the north side of Bloor Street at the top of Ted Rogers Way. To gain access to Manulife's parking, press the intercom button and inform the security attendant you are attending a service at St. Paul's.

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Happening Today!

St. Paul's Organ Recital

Today at **3:00 p.m.** we welcome one of Canada's finest organists to play at St. Paul's! Michael Bloss will thrill us with a program of both familiar and less familiar masterpieces. Admission is free for this one-hour concert.

The next Organ Recital happens on Sunday, January 14 at 3 p.m. Pick up a card at St. Paul's Central for more dates. For more information contact Thomas Bell, Music Director, at ext. 233 or music@stpaulsbloor.org



The Pageant is Today!

Share in the joy of Christmas at our annual Christmas Pageant and Family Supper. Everyone is welcome to join the fun.

The Pageant will take place **this afternoon** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Cody Hall.

Advent Ask: Time



Service is an expression of worship. It is part of how we follow Jesus in a multitude of ways.

Over the past two weeks we have focused on how you can give Gifts and Money as part of our Advent Ask. The third aspect of our Advent Ask is Time.

You can help by serving at our 50th and final Christmas Day Lunch. With 200 meals served in two hours, there are many tasks that need to be done to help keep the atmosphere that of a large family dinner.

For more information about the Christmas Day Lunch check out stpaulsbloor.org/christmaslunch.



If you are unable to serve at our Christmas Day Lunch, we ask you to consider a commitment to serve at St. Paul's in one of the many other roles we have available.

This commitment could be as simple as serving once at a Cornerstone Dinner, or it could mean signing up to serve once a month as a Greeter. You do not need to be an expert or have previous experience.



Take a moment to pray about how you can get involved in our ministries and outreach programs throughout the coming year.

If you would like to give time with an outreach initiative in the new year, please contact Sandra Seaborn at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org.



Looking for ways to serve?



Cornerstone Dinner

Volunteer to serve at the next Cornerstone Dinner on **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. Volunteers are needed to help with serving and clean-up from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Greeters

Every Sunday our Greeters work behind the scenes to make the service run smoothly. They greet people, hand out bulletins, usher, collect the offering and assist at communion. This is an easy way to get involved at St. Paul's and contribute to the worship service.



Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry volunteers help once a month telling Bible stories, serving snacks and having fun getting to know our children. You don't have to be a Bible scholar or a trained teacher – simply a willing volunteer.



Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry offers fun and easy ways to serve, either on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Spend time in the gym. Get to know our young people and youth leaders as we seek to strengthen our community of disciples.



Choir and Musicians

This season is full of wonderful music to sing, from the loveliest carols to traditional masterpieces such as Messiah. If you enjoy singing, and would like to join the choir community as we prepare our music for Christmas, you are most welcome. Similarly the opportunity to participate in our rewarding music-making exists after the holidays in the New Year.

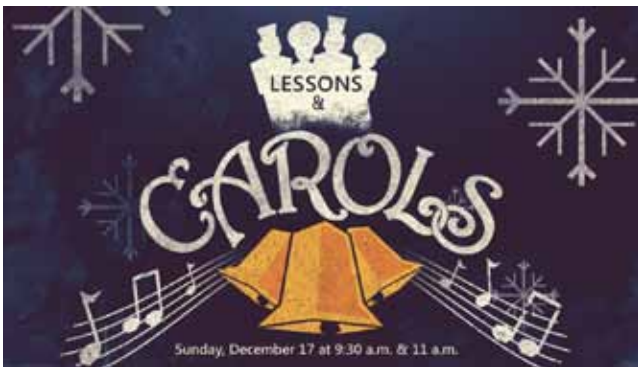


Communion Administrants

Communion Administrants assist by serving the wine during Communion. You can serve at any of our worship services and training is provided.



To find out how you might serve, complete a **Connection Card** and check the "Ways to Serve" box. A member of the Ministry Team will contact you.



Lessons and Carols

The festival Lessons and Carols is a worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is a traditional service which follows the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. Told in short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, while being interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

The Lessons and Carols service will be held on **Sunday, December 17 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.** To watch a livestream, **RSVP to the event on our Facebook page and invite your friends** to this wonderful Christmas celebration!



Service of Light

With candlelight, music, a message of hope, Holy Communion, and the option of individual and confidential prayer, this Christmas service invites us to pause and reflect as we centre in on the beautiful gift of God given to us in Jesus.

The Service of Light will be held on **Thursday, December 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Come for a time of worshipful rest and reflection.

For more information contact Steve Shaw, Associate Priest, at ext. 232 or sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org



Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale

The annual Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale will take place after each service next **Sunday, December 17** in Cody Hall. You can help by purchasing but also by donating. Baked goods are gratefully accepted, as well as preserves, breads, muffins and other homemade goodies.

Drop off times and locations:

Friday, Dec. 15: The office from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16: Cody Hall from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17: Cody Hall before any of the services.

Submit your Christmas Memorial Flowers by next Sunday!

Remembering a loved one with a Christmas memorial flower is a wonderful way to share in decorating the church for Christmas.

If you would like to contribute, complete the information on the memorial flower envelope in the pew or at St. Paul's Central. Place it on the offering plate, or in the office mailbox. Memorials can also be completed online at stpaulsbloor.org. Simply click on the "Donate" button at the top right corner. Be sure to include the names you wish to remember. Memorials begin at \$20 per entry. Envelopes must be submitted no later than **Sunday, December 17.**



#AdventWord

Dec 3 #Awaken	Dec 14 #Wilderness
Dec 4 #Journey	Dec 15 #Trust
Dec 5 #Gather	Dec 16 #Among
Dec 6 #Simplify	Dec 17 #Light
Dec 7 #Heal	Dec 18 #Dazzle
Dec 8 #Mend	Dec 19 #Open
Dec 9 #Focus	Dec 20 #Embrace
Dec 10 #Prepare	Dec 21 #Renew
Dec 11 #Messenger	Dec 22 #Greeting
Dec 12 #Watch	Dec 23 #Child
Dec 13 #Voice	Dec 24 #Believe
#Dec 25 #Celebrate	

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#AdventWord 2017

Join us as we participate in the Anglican Communion's Global Advent Calendar from December 3 to Christmas Day.

#AdventWord is the world's first crowd-sourced global Advent Calendar that asks Christians to pray over a word and meditation and respond with an image on Facebook or Twitter or Instagram. It was established by the Society of Saint the Evangelist (SSJE) in 2014 in partnership with the Office of the Anglican Communion.

Share your #AdventWord photos with us on Twitter [@stpaulsbloor](https://twitter.com/stpaulsbloor)

This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- People who live in the fear of war and terrorism, place courage and peace in their hearts.
- Leaders to set aside selfish ambition and seek to govern for the welfare of all people with grace and mercy.
- The health of women, children, and families around the world, especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, so healthy families will be built.

The Global Church

- All of us to be united together in and through the Trinity, as a church, in love.
- Us to be a church that is thankful to You and for Your faithfulness to us regardless of our circumstances.
- The preaching of God's Word would be biblically centred and Holy Spirit inspired.
- The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and all those in leadership in the Anglican Communion around the world.

In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Jonathan, Sara, Charles, Gordon, Jacquie, Sandra, David, Susan, Lynette, David and Monique. We pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

The Flowers Today

The flowers in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

At the High Table and Chapels:

Milton & Isabel Pierce given by Kevin & Marina Tolan and Gail Hartman.

Ross, Enid & Dorothy Elliott given by the Family.



2018 Offering Envelopes

2018 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up today in the Atrium. Be sure to check for your envelope alphabetically, as some numbers may have changed. To request envelopes, contact Patricia Budimir, Financial Assistant at ext. 242 or pbudimir@stpaulsbloor.org.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, December 10

Organ Recital - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*
Christmas Pageant - 4:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*

Monday, December 11

ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*
Prayer Time - 7 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Tuesday, December 12

Winchester Group - 10:00 a.m. | *Library*
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*
DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*

Thursday, December 14

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

Friday, December 15

Music for Health - 10 a.m. | *Gym*

Sunday, December 17

Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale | *Cody Hall*
Service of Lessons & Carols
- 9:30 & 11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Every Sunday

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*
9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*
11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Prayer Ministry

10:20 a.m. & 12 p.m.
St. Paul's Chapel

Nursery

beginning at 9:15 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Children's Ministry

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Youth Group

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *Youth Room*

Prayer Groups

10:20 a.m. | *Room 7*
10:50 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Community Lunch

12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*
\$8 per person



Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Luke 1:39-45
Topic: Mary Visits Elizabeth



Listen Again Online

All Sunday sermons are posted online
at the beginning of the week.
Visit stpaulsbloor.org/sermons