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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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Alpha Day

Last weekend was the Alpha Day at St. Paul's. 75 participants spent the weekend getting to know each other better, reflecting, praying, and learning about the Holy Spirit.



We will run the Alpha Experience again starting January 17, 2018. For more information, visit our website at: stpaulsbloor.org/alpha

Update on the Pikangikum First Nations

In 2015, members of St. Paul's raised nearly \$30,000 for The Pikangikum First Nations Water Project. The following is an update by Craig Truscott, a member of St. Paul's and Pimatisiwin Nipi.

Pimatisiwin Nipi (Oji-Cree for 'Living Water') is the name of the large group of Anglican parishes have adopted for the work around the safe delivery of water in Pikangikum. Our group works in partnership with the leaders of Pikangikum, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), and Habitat for Humanity, Manitoba.



Throughout the spring, summer and fall of 2017, work in the community resulted in the completion of Phase 2 of the Pikangikum Water Project. Ten more families now have running water and waste water removal in their homes. Upgrades to the water tanks used in Phase 2 hold twice the capacity they previously did. All work to date has been completed as planned, on time, and on budget.

In both phases of the project, young people from the community were trained in carpentry, plumbing, and electricity. PWRDF reports these young people are now expressing "interest in being involved in other community programs that the Band Council at this remote Northern Ontario First Nation community might initiate in the future." Two of the trainers for Phase 2 were trainees on Phase 1, which outfitted 10 homes with indoor plumbing in 2013.



Work on Phase 2 of the Water Project was grounded several years ago because the diesel generators currently powering Pikangikum were at maximum capacity. Over \$60 million in funding has been announced by the Federal government to connect Pikangikum to Ontario's electrical power grid. This new government funding is important support to the people of Pikangikum and the partnership which works with them.

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In other Pikangikum news, there were four more youth suicides this summer, a tragedy for a community that continues to find itself in crisis. For this reason, Pimatisiwin Nipi has reconfirmed its long-term commitment to the people of Pikangikum, and to other Indigenous communities lacking clean water. We must continue to pray for the men, women, and children of Pikangikum. Our work continues in 2018 and beyond.

Thank you to all who joined us for our **Remembrance Sunday** Service at St. Paul's. Visit our Facebook page to see the full Remembrance Services 2017 photo album.



Volunteer at the Toronto Star Christmas Carol Concert



The annual Toronto Star Christmas Concert will be held at St. Paul's on **Saturday, December 2**. We are looking for volunteers for the 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. concert. If you are able to help, sign up at St. Paul's Central or contact the office at 416-961-8116 or mail@stpaulsbloor.org.

Invite a Friend to Celebrate the Christmas Season:



December 10

4:30 p.m. | Children's Christmas Pageant

December 17

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service of Lessons & Carols

11 a.m. | Classic Lessons and Carols

December 21

7 p.m. | Service of Light - A Reflective Encounter of Christmas

December 24

11 a.m. | Christmas Eve Communion

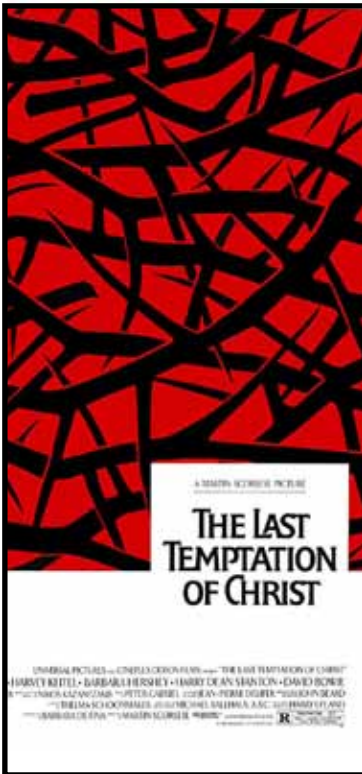
4 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service for Families and Children

7 p.m. & 10 p.m. | Christmas Music

7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. | Classic Anglican Communion Service

December 25

11 a.m. | Classic Anglican Communion Service



Young Adults Movie Night



With Free Popcorn!

November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

All young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to join us for a screening of Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

It is a classic, though challenging, film based on Nikos Kazantzakis' 1955 novel of the same name. There will be a discussion afterwards at The Bishop & The Belcher.

**For more information, contact Ian Koiter
at youth@stpaulsbloor.org.**

Improving Our Worship Space

We are currently **investigating improvements** to our worship space. The physical issues we were not able to address during our massive Nehemiah Renovation Project a decade ago or the Above & Beyond capital campaign are still very present. Our current investigations are providing a much better picture as to where we stand. There are major areas of concern in our worship space:

- The electrical system is 105 years old and needs to be upgraded to meet current building best practices.
- With the towering buildings surrounding us causing increasing shadowing, substandard lighting needs to be improved for better visibility as well as energy efficiency.
- Ineffective sound is an ongoing issue that needs to be resolved.
- Finally, seating in the church is a growing issue. The pews are getting towards their 'past due' date and repairing them is more and more challenging.

All of this takes time and money. In the interim we need to balance the load on the electrical system and so are not using the wall lights on Sunday mornings. We will update everyone as we have more information to share.

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.
- Those in leadership, regardless of their position, to be faithful in service and exercise wisdom and justice for all people.
- All the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, may their cries be a call to action for those who have so much.
- All victims of circumstances beyond their control, today especially thinking of the victims of the shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Texas.

The Global Church

- Followers of Christ to walk in humility, persevering towards unity rather than fracturing it.
- For the Bible to be the sole basis to lead and shape followers of Jesus Christ.
- The church's prayers to be infused with biblical vision, honesty, and humility.
- Everyone gather today to worship in the Anglican Diocese of Western Newfoundland.

In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Lauren, Chris, Charlotte, David, Sonia, Mike, Arisa, Daniel, Rudy and Yvette. 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:

Mary Rutledge given by Joan Currie.

Prayer during our sermon series

Gracious Father, thank you for
Your unfailing love for us. Your
faithfulness guides us and sees
us through times of uncertainty.

Help us to trust and grow in
you. May we always remember
we should turn to you in prayer
where you will give us comfort
and remind us of Your promises,
plan, and provision. Fill our hearts
with Your spirit, so we may grow
in righteousness and faith. Amen.

Join us at our

Newcomers

Welcome Lunch

Sunday, November 26 at 12:15 p.m. in Cody Hall

RSVP to Sandra Seaborn at ext. 226 or
sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, November 12

Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*
Pilgrim: The Creeds - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

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

Wednesday, November 15

Little Sunbeams Parents & Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*
Noon-time Alpha - 12:00 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, November 16

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. | *Music Room*
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

Friday, November 17

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

Sunday, November 19

Pilgrim: The Creeds - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Every Sunday

Worship Services

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

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

Matthew 26:26-30

Topic: The Last Supper

Community News Email



The Community News delivers news and updates to members of the St. Paul's community. Would you like to subscribe? Fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



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