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### 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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As a token of our concern and prayers St. Paul's will be sending a card to Humboldt Bible Church. If you would like to write a note of sympathy or support to Pastor Sean Brandow, pastor of the church and chaplain of the Humboldt Broncos – please sign the card on the table just outside the office this morning.



Join us **today at 11:30 a.m.** for a prayer walk at St. George the Martyr (soon to be known as St. George by the Grange). The walk will last about 50 minutes. We would love for you to come pray for guidance and direction as we discern God's plan for St. George.

The address is 197 John Street (at Stephanie Street, between Beverley and McCaul). We look forward to praying with you.

*"I can't see you, God, so  
please give me a clue;  
Do you look like me,  
and do I look like you?  
Are you big or little?  
Are you short or tall?  
Can you really see me  
when I am so small?"*

"What is God Like" by  
Kathleen Long Bostrom



### PICTURE PERFECT Images of God

A velvet, glow-in-the-dark Jesus hung on my wall. When the lights were turned off, a faint green glow would emanate from the halo around his head and his robes. I would stare at the image and sometimes even rub the soft fabric while waiting for sleep. Jesus was depicted with long wavy hair, always smiling, never changing – present but not engaged as if watching unaffected by the world. While I am grateful there was a reminder of Jesus so close at hand, over time I have come to realize the distorted messages this religious souvenir communicated.

Jesus is the ultimate image of God, God incarnate and immanent – taking on human form so we could see what a perfect human being is like.

All of us have crafted some images of the eternal divine in our mind. We have different ways of describing in words and metaphors what God is like. Across the centuries, people of God have sought to give voice to these ideas to deepen devotion and strengthen service.

The Bible helps us here. Throughout the scriptures, God describes Himself in similes with tangible items such as rock and water; with the elements of the earth such as fire and wind; with animals such as the doves and lamb; and even with the intangibles of voice and light. None of these images give us a complete sense of God but each can take us a little deeper into God's character and nature.

In the **Picture Perfect: Images of God** sermon series, we will examine a few of the images found in the Bible to help us understand the "who" we are being called to follow and emulate as Christians. Each Sunday, we will hear both an Old Testament and New Testament reading which relate to the same simile. It may feel like standing in an art gallery, seeing two photos of the same place, taken from different angles, unique but similar, enriching each other. This spring, let's stop and look.



## Stepping Into Faith

**Starts April 22 at 10:45 a.m.**

Are you interested in baptism for yourself or your child? Join us for Stepping into Faith, a four week course for families preparing for baptism. You can register online at [stpaulsbloor.org/stepping-faith](http://stpaulsbloor.org/stepping-faith) or contact Janet Earle at ext. 241.



## Newcomers Welcome Lunch

**April 22 at 12:15 p.m.**

New to St. Paul's? You're invited to our Newcomers Welcome Lunch. Come get to know other newcomers, ask questions, and find out more about us over a delicious lunch. To RSVP, contact Sandra Seaborn at ext. 226 or [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org).

## Would you like to pay tribute to someone?

Flowers in the church are part of the Anglican tradition. It is a way to honour those who we respect or want to remember, and offer our thanks to God. Flowers enhance the experience for all who worship in the church and help us appreciate the beauty God has given us.

Everyone is invited to join in this opportunity. Floral arrangements are placed at the High Table (the area at the top of the church) and in the Chapels (Chapel of the Good Shepherd and St. George's Chapel). Flowers for these locations are a minimum of \$50 per entry. Specialized arrangements can be done at the Font (the large stone sculpture at the back of the church) for a minimum of \$100.

For more information on how you can help decorate the church, pick up a Tribute & Memorial Flowers form in the Atrium at St. Paul's Central.

There will still be the opportunity to contribute to the seasonal decorations at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.



## Serve at the next Cornerstone Dinner

**April 21 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Several times a year we partner with Church in the City in Regent Park to offer a hot meal on a Saturday evening to about 400 people. Sometimes we prepare, serve and clean up the main course and sometimes we provide drinks and dessert.

We are looking for people to help serve desserts and drinks on April 21. Children, ages 9 and up are invited to serve along with their guardians. To register, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone](http://stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone) or contact Ian Koiter at ext. 295.



Learn how to make time for what's important  
with St. Paul's Young Professionals

## MINI-MASTERCLASS: TIME MANAGEMENT

April 26 | 7 - 9 pm | Youth Room

Learn how to make time for what's important with St. Paul's Young Professionals on **April 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the Youth Room.

St. Paul's Young Professionals group is a great way to meet other young adults in our church community and to share ideas and struggles. If you have questions, contact Ian Koiter at ext. 295 or email [ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org).

## Find your community



### Join the Winchester Group

The Winchester Group is comprised of members of St. Paul's who meet every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (September to June) in the Library. This group mainly serves Moorelands Community Services by sewing flannelette receiving blankets and bibs. In recent years, an added initiative has been to provide knitted toques, mittens, scarves, and small blankets for the people of Pikangikum, a First Nations village 730 km north of Thunder Bay.

The Winchester Group welcomes new members at any time. Come for fun, worship and fellowship, as well as for sewing or knitting. No particular skills are required. Bring a bag lunch; tea and coffee are provided. For further information contact Shelley Tidy at [shelley.tidy@rogers.com](mailto:shelley.tidy@rogers.com), or leave a message at the office.



### Try singing in the choir

The choir is a group which (naturally!) loves to sing, and to use our talents as best we may. But there are numerous other benefits to making worship music together. In singing together we offer our music to God, to each other, and have a lot of fun at the same time. Music also has many proven health benefits, both physical and intellectual.

If you would like to try singing in the choir you are invited to come to a practice on **Thursday April 26, May 3 or May 10**. The choir meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room, located one floor below the Sanctuary. Though some musical experience is helpful, a pleasant voice and willingness to offer your musical gifts to a wider community is all that is necessary.

For further details please contact Tom Bell, at [music@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:music@stpaulsbloor.org) or in person after any 11 a.m. service.



### We can help you get connected to a small group

One of the best ways to make St. Paul's feel more like home? Join a small group.

Visit [stpaulsbloor.org/small-groups](http://stpaulsbloor.org/small-groups) to get started or contact Mark Regis at ext. 230.

## This week we are praying for...

### World and National Issues

- For victims of man-made and natural disasters, that God would help them to rebuild their lives in safety and hope, without fear.
- For God, to guard and direct His church in the way of unity, service and praise, especially remembering today those in the Anglican Dioceses of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and Moosonee in northern Ontario and northwestern Quebec.
- For God's comfort to support the family and friends of the Humboldt crash victims as we mourn their loss.

### In the Community

- Keep leaders above reproach, guard them from temptation, complacency, corruption and revenge.
- For the youth and children's ministry and volunteers, that those who help our youngest learn what it means to follow Jesus would themselves ever be growing in the knowledge and devotion to you, Lord.

### In Our Church

- Our candidates for baptism today—Maggie, Zhang, Yi, and Lexi. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and a gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
- We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Nick, Elizabeth, Madeleine, Andrew, Belinda, Grace, Benjamin, Barbara, Jean and Tricia; asking God to enlighten all our lives with His word, that in Him we may find hope.

### **The Flowers Today**

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

M.C. Watsa given by Prem and Nalini Watsa and family.

### **Ways to Give**

For more information  
visit [stpaulsbloor.org/give](http://stpaulsbloor.org/give)



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## What's Happening This Week

### Sunday, April 15 - Baptism Sunday

Prayer Walk - 11:30 a.m. | *St. George*  
Pilgrim: The Bible - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

### Monday, April 16

ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, April 17

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*  
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*  
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 212*

### Wednesday, April 18

Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*  
Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Dalton Room*  
Youth Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Great Hall*

### Thursday, April 19

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

### Friday, April 20

GriefShare - 1:30 p.m. | *Library*

### Saturday, April 21

Cornerstone - 4 p.m.

### Sunday, April 22

Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*  
Pilgrim: The Bible - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*  
Newcomers Lunch - 12:15 p.m. | *Cody Hall*

## Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Ezekiel 37:1-10

Theme - Image of God: Wind

## 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



## Listen Again Online

All Sunday sermons are posted online at the beginning of the week.

Visit [stpaulsbloor.org/sermons](http://stpaulsbloor.org/sermons)