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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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Easter for Children & Youth



Children and youth are invited to celebrate with their families and the St. Paul's community in the services today.

During the service children up to Grade 5 will be invited to come to the Children's Ministry area to learn more about Easter.

Parents – if you are new or visiting, please come to sign-in your children. We will bring the children back to their parents in church just before communion time.

Children are invited to a large indoor Easter egg hunt after both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Meet at the bottom of the stairs in the Foyer to start the hunt. Over 1,200 Easter eggs are hiding throughout the building.

Childcare is available for children three and under during our services.



175th Anniversary Sunday - Save the Date!

Join us on **June 11, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** for a service celebrating 175 years of ministry. In addition, we invite you to learn more about the history of our congregation, participate in a parish photo, have a cupcake and much more. Archbishop Colin Johnson will be with us that day as we come together for this special combined service. More details in the coming weeks. Plan to join us!

Rector's Easter Message



*The paradox of our time in history is that
we spend more, but have less;
we buy more, but enjoy it less.*

*We have bigger houses and smaller families;
more conveniences, but less time;
more medicine, but less wellness.*

*We read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.
We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.*

*These are the times of tall men, and short character;
steep profits and shallow relationships.*

*These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce;
of fancier houses, but broken homes.*

*We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;
we've added years to life, not life to years;
we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.*



Dear Friends;

In looking through some old files recently, I stumbled across this haunting commentary on the world at the turn of the last millennium. It was provocatively titled, "Wanting More in an Age of Plenty: Our Wallets are Fat, but our Souls are Empty." (David G. Myers in *Christianity Today*, April 24, 2000.) What struck me seventeen years later is that the themes of this article feel amplified today. With the "noise" we currently live with—the more things change, the more they stay the same.

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What is exciting about celebrating Easter—the Day of the Resurrection—is that all the frustrations expressed in the above quote are overturned, defeated, made new. Even though we think we know what happens, many of us do not take the time to experience the reality of the Resurrection. The tomb is empty, Jesus is alive, God wins!

I am so glad you have decided to be a part of our Celebrations this Easter 2017. It is more than glorious worship, great music and profound prayers. You are invited to the ground zero of the history and heart of humanity being re-created and made new. It is only when we experience this new reality can we say,

I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighbourhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate." Then he said, "It's happened. I'm A to Z. I'm the Beginning, I'm the Conclusion. From Water-of-Life Well I give freely to the thirsty. Conquerors inherit all this. I'll be God to them, they'll be sons and daughters to me. (Rev. 21:3-7, Msg)

Thank you for joining us this Easter Day to experience the God who is still in the dead-raising business!

In Wonder,
(The Rev. Canon Dr.) Barry Parker
Rector



Easter Lessons and Carols



Easter Lessons and Carols is a continuation of our Easter season, a fifty day celebration from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday on June 4.

On **April 30 at 11 a.m.** we will track through the grand sweep of the Easter story with readings, favourite hymns, Easter carols and a sermon – all to continue our focus on the meaning of the Resurrection. The service will follow the popular format of the Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols.

Invite your friends to join us for this exuberant and inspiring service marking the season which is central to our faith.

Volunteer Opportunitites

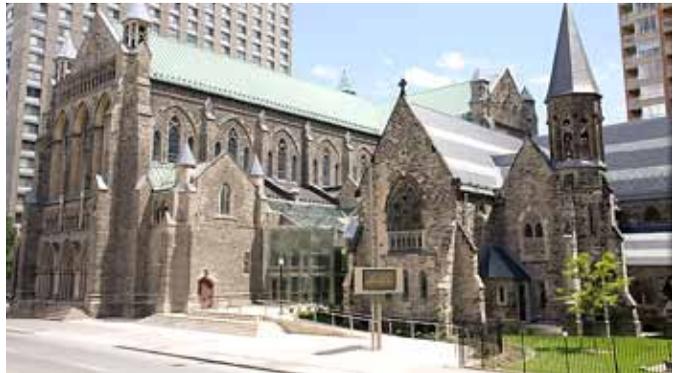
Cornerstone Dinner



Volunteer to serve at the next Cornerstone Dinner on **Saturday, April 22**. We will be preparing and cooking dinner, serving and cleaning up afterwards.

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone to sign up online. For more information, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org ext. 226.

Doors Open



On **Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28** we will be participating in Doors Open Toronto. This year, Doors Open offers free and rare access to more than 150 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city.

To volunteer, contact Sandra Seaborn at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 226.



During March Break we hosted the Toronto City Mission (TCM) Day Camp. TCM outreach worker, Elita Fung, wrote, "Thank you for hosting us this past March Break. Our kids had a blast!"



The Money Course

The Money Course is a great place to start learning the skills required to manage your money. It teaches budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system.

The course is free and designed for everyone - whether unemployed, a student, working, self-employed or retired.

The next course starts on
Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

To find out more or to register online, visit stpaulsbloor.org/money-course or contact Joyce Badley, Executive Pastor, at ext. 229 or jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org



St. Paul's Organ Recital

Join us for the next in our 2017 series of organ recitals. This free one-hour concert will provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God.

April 23 at 3 p.m. - Tom Fitches

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Tom Bell, Music Director, at music@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 233.





Baptism and Membership Sunday - April 23

On April 23 at the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services we will have baptisms and reception into membership.

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. Built around the foundation of the baptism promises, we will explore ways to live out our faith with our families.

The course will run on **Sundays at 10:45 a.m. from April 30 to May 28.**

Our next Baptism and Membership Sunday will be on **June 18.**

Register online at stpaulsbloor.org/stepping-faith or contact Janet Earle, Children's Minister, at ext. 241 or children@stpaulsbloor.org for more information.

Those interested in membership can contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org

Listen Again Online

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

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/sermons

About St. Paul's

St. Paul's is a community with room for everyone, and all are welcome. We invite you to join us for services every Sunday:

8:15 a.m. - Quiescent
9:30 a.m. - Casual
11 a.m. - Classic

We offer children and youth programs during both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services with friends, relevant Bible teaching, fun activities and outstanding leaders.

Connect with us on Social Media

Follow us for news, photos and updates.



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What's Happening This Week

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday

Easter Services - 8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*

9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*

11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Easter Egg Hunt for Children

- 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. | *Foyer*

Monday, April 17 - Facility Closed

Tuesday, April 18

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*

Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*

Wednesday, April 19

Wednesdays With God - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, April 20

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:20 a.m. | *Music Room*

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

Young Adult Gathering - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Sunday, April 23 - Baptism & Membership Sunday

Organ Recital with Tom Fitches - 3 p.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

9 a.m., 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*

Easter Treats



Join us for Easter treats in the Great Hall after the services!

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

1 Peter 1:3-9

Topic: New Life



WiFi

To connect to our free WiFi, look for the network called "Sitting_with_Jesus" and enter password: "StPaulsAlpha".

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Link to our app at stpaulsbloor.org/app

Facility Closure

Please note the facility will be closed on Easter Monday, April 17.