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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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Open Streets TO - Today

We invite you to join us **today, Sunday, September 17** as we serve lemonade to passersby on Bloor Street.

For more information visit stpaulsbloor.org/open-streets

Annual General Meeting

The 174th Annual General (Vestry) Meeting of St. Paul's Bloor Street will be held on **Sunday, October 22 at 12:15 p.m.** The parish roll is available at St. Paul's Central or at the office during the week. Please check to ensure you are on the list. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend.

To submit a motion for consideration at the Vestry meeting, a written copy must be provided to the Wardens by noon on Tuesday, October 17. Motions can be dropped off at the office or emailed to mail@stpaulsbloor.org.



Youth Parents Night

Parents of our youth are invited to join us at our annual Youth Parents Night on **Friday, September 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Come and get to know other parents in our community.

R.S.V.P. to Ian Koiter, Youth and Young Adult Pastor, at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 295.

Calling all Those Who Walk to St. Paul's!



By Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest

When St. Paul's was founded 175 years ago, there was little housing in the area. The church was deliberately placed on a commercial, but non-toll road halfway between St. James Cathedral and St. John York Mills. The preacher rode on horseback from York Mills to deliver his sermon. How times have changed as today the church is surrounded by high rise residential buildings.

Living vertically has its advantages. You are often close to where you work and worship. You are surrounded by shops, restaurants, sports, and cultural opportunities. For five years, when I lived in NYC, we had a small one bedroom apartment. Surrounded by other buildings, our windows allowed direct sunlight for one month per year. When our first child was born, I became more attuned to the challenges of small spaces. There was nowhere to go at 4 a.m. that wouldn't disturb either the family or neighbours. Not only that, but our stroller had no designated parking spot. Yet, we stayed – because it was that space or a significantly longer commute. With housing costs in Toronto, this is a dilemma faced by many today.

With the growth of high rise residential buildings, more people are living vertically within walking distance from St. Paul's. With few organized third space activities, we don't know each other. Perhaps you have been living by yourself in a rent-stabilized space for years. Perhaps you choose based on proximity to public transit or educational opportunities. Perhaps you found the place you always dreamed of. We all have our own reasons for choosing where we live.

If you live vertically, in walking distance to the church and would like to get to know a few neighbours or are interested in talking about how St. Paul's can become more engaged in our community, come to our first "Vertical Dwellers Evening".

We are gathering **Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, or to RSVP, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 226. 3

A Letter from the Carlen Family

Good Morning Friends,

Today Anders is picking up our container, which is now in Gothenburg (on the west coast). This involves a couple of really helpful friends, a sacrificial road trip to Jönköping by our Uncle Janne, a big rental truck, and lots of driving.

Please pray for Ben, Sam, and Hanna. They are getting hurt often these days - nothing life-threatening, but something happens pretty much every day, be it a minor concussion (Ben), a twisted ankle that never quite heals (Sam), or a run-in with a metal gate (Hanna). Please pray for God's protection over them.



Anders has started work already, and is happily busy. Susan has not yet been able to start because there has been a delay for Sam and Hanna in starting school, so she gets to spend extra time with them. Please pray for strength and good rest for Anders and Susan. Pray especially that Susan's bad dreams would stop.

We have two big thank you's as well! Thank God with us that: Ben had had such a good start at the International English School; and that there is a housing solution in the works for us. (This involves two couples who are moving away; the relocation of three people to these two apartments; and us being able to move into what was previously an OM women's team apartment. We will keep you posted...)

We need Jesus so much right now. And we need prayers. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Grace and peace to you.

Anders, Susan, Ben, Sam and Hanna

To learn more or to support the Carlen Family go to thecarlenfamily.org

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Daily Bread Food Bank. Help us make a difference.

Most needed items include:

- Canned stew
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit/veggies
- Dry pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned/dried beans
- Macaroni & cheese
- Baby food & formula



4 Bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the bin in the Atrium.

Alpha starts this week! Wednesdays starting September 20 at 6:30 p.m.



Alpha is a series of interactive sessions for unchurched people exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

Registration is not required, just preferred. To register online visit our website at stpaulsbloor.org/alpha. For more information contact Ingrid Suld, Parish Ministry Coordinator, at ext 223 or isuld@stpaulsbloor.org

Little Sunbeams Parents & Tots

Join with parents of young children on Wednesday mornings this fall to meet others, chat, sing and play. The group will meet in the Nursery from **9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. starting September 20.**

For more information contact Janet Earle, Children's Minister, at children@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 241.



Volunteer With Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry is looking for leaders to serve at our 9:30 a.m. service. If you are enthusiastic, enjoy having fun with kids, and want to grow your faith – give us a try. Our ministry is organized, has excellent teaching materials, and many ways to serve. Most leaders help out once a month and all leaders go through our screening process.

Visit us upstairs in Cody Hall, or email Janet Earle, Children's Minister, at ext. 241 or children@stpaulsbloor.org. We would love to have you join our team!



The Money Course

The Money Course is a great place to start learning the skills required to manage your money. The course is free and designed for everyone. Join us for three Tuesday evenings starting **September 26 at 7 p.m.**



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



DivorceCare

Starts Tuesday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

If you are dealing with the pain of divorce or separation, DivorceCare may help you. This 13-week series takes a biblical approach to divorce to support you through the trials and traumas in the aftermath.

Register online at

stpaulsbloor.org/divorcecare or contact Nancy Truscott, Parish Nurse, at parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 228.



GriefShare

Starts Monday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m.

If you have lost a loved one, this 6-week series offers support and fellowship through the grieving process. The series is a biblical approach to the deep hurt from the finality of death.

Register online at

stpaulsbloor.org/griefshare or contact Nancy Truscott, Parish Nurse, at parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 228.

St. Paul's Anniversary Lager - Next week is your last chance!



At St. Paul's, hospitality has been part of our ministry for 175 years. What better way to open the conversation and introduce a friend to St. Paul's than by sharing an anniversary beer with them?

To commemorate our 175th anniversary a special lager was crafted. Six-packs will be available for purchase once again next **Sunday, September 24**. Don't miss out - this will be the last day to purchase a pack. Packs are \$18 cash or \$20 by credit card.

Start the conversation with friends and neighbours by sharing a St. Paul's lager with them.

Prayer List

September 17 - This week we pray for:

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.

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, so that all may live in peace, with respect.

The Global Church:

All of us to be united together in and through the Trinity, as a church, in love.

All leaders of the church to hunger for the truth in study and prayer.

The preaching of God's Word would be biblically centred and Holy Spirit inspired.

Everyone gather today to worship in the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle in southern Saskatchewan.

In Our Own Church:

We pray for the following members of our community: Andrea, Michael, Ipsita, Mehuli, Muriel, Lynne, Raffi, Rick and Janet.

Prayer for Open Streets TO:

Lord, help us to welcome every guest at Open Streets as if we were welcoming you. May we delight in their presence and be ready to share the message of your love, mercy and saving grace. Amen.

The Flowers Today

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

At the High Table: Nicole Longe given by Anita and Belinda Longe & family.

At the Font: Christopher Partridge given by David, Nancy, Tobi and Emily Partridge.

Thanksgiving Memorial Flowers

Remembering a loved one with a Thanksgiving memorial flower is a wonderful way to share in decorating the church. 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 through our app or 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. Donations must be submitted no later than **Sunday, October 1.**



What's Happening This Week

Sunday, September 17

Open Streets TO - 9 a.m. | *Front Steps*
Sunday Small Group - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Tuesday, September 19

Winchester Group - 10 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*

Wednesday, September 20

Rev. Canon D. Lemon Funeral - 11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*
Lunchtime Alpha - 12 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Great Hall*
Wednesday Night Youth - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 24 - Ministry Fair

Anniversary Lager Sales - 11 a.m. | *Office Reception*
Sunday Small Group - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*
Chancel Guild General Meeting - 12:45 p.m. | *Dalton Room*
Afternoon of Worship - 2 p.m. | *Great Hall*

St. Paul's Organ Recitals

Join us for our 2017-2018 series of organ recitals. These free one-hour concerts provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God.

Sunday, October 1 at 3 p.m. - *Matthew Whitfield*

Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m.

St. Paul's Bloor Street Choir with organist Gerald Loo

Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m. - *Michael Bloss*

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

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*

Community Lunch



Roasted Chicken
with Salad - \$8

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

James 2:1-9

Topic: Prejudice