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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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## GriefShare Starts Tomorrow Runs on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Losing a loved one is a very difficult experience. GriefShare is a series that offers a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you in the grieving process. You don't have to go through it alone.

Register online at [stpaulsbloor.org/griefshare](http://stpaulsbloor.org/griefshare) or contact Nancy Truscott, Parish Nurse, at [parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 228.



## Tours With Barry Today

Would you like to learn more about the significance of our windows, flags, plaques and more? Stay after the services today, **January 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**, for tours of our building with Barry Parker, Rector (Senior Minister). Meet at the Chancel steps at the front of the Sanctuary.

## Youth Ministry

Our Sunday and Wednesday Youth Group meetings offer a place for youth aged 11 to 17 to grow in their relationships with each other, our church and Jesus.

On Sunday mornings the focus is on reading scripture, using the preaching passage from the service. Our Youth and Young Adult Pastor, Ian Koiter, loves to delve into the historical and narrative context surrounding each passage. "I love preparing our Sunday scripture study, researching the historical and narrative context on the passage and reflecting on its relevance today," said Ian.

A typical Wednesday offers time to deepen friendships through discussion, reflection and prayer. It starts with time to catch up, hang out and reconnect in an informal setting. From there they move on to games or sports in the gym: nerf battles, basketball and soccer to name a few. A bible study or discussion follows where people can ask questions freely.

Throughout the fall, the teens followed the Alpha program. They discussed introductory questions to the Christian faith as well as questions about challenges faced in high school and middle school. A recurring theme was how to live out faith at school.

Every meeting ends with prayer. Group members hear each others requests and pray for one another. Sometimes they move to the Sanctuary for a different atmosphere during prayer.



On January 11 the Youth Group sorted through all 130 gift bags collected through the Reverse Advent Calendars. The youth divided into two teams and raced to see who could finish first. The teams had to work together to figure out the best way to sort the items quickly while still doing a good job.

Thank you to all our youth for taking on this huge job and doing it so efficiently!

*Youth Group meets on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. If you are between the ages of 11 and 17 and would like to join, simply come to one of the meetings. For more information contact Ian Koiter, Youth and Young Adult Pastor, at [ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 295.*



## Young Adult Ministry



### **Are you between the ages of 18 and 35?**

Do you wonder what St. Paul's can offer as you explore the possibilities of faith in Toronto? Do you want to delve deeply into questions of belief, scripture, and discipleship? Do you want to connect with other young Christians at St. Paul's?

### **As students and young professionals we lead busy and transient lives.**

It is hard to slow down, breathe and take time to see Jesus. It is hard to ground our daily lives in prayer and scripture. It is hard to find time and energy to attend services of worship. And, it is hard to find time to develop healthy, meaningful relationships within a church, especially one as big as St. Paul's.

### **We want to walk together with you.**

Young Adult Ministry is a new and exciting initiative which aims to serve you, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. If you desire to meet people, explore faith, or get involved in our church's prayer and outreach, let us help you do that. If you've attended the Alpha course and you still have questions about Christian faith, or you are interested in taking next steps in a life of discipleship, come meet and chat over coffee.



### **Kick-Off: Thursday, February 2 at 7p.m.**

Join us for a small, informal gathering of young adults on Thursday, February 2 at 7 p.m. We're going to meet and get to know each other over some refreshments. We'll chat about the spiritual challenges we face and some of the ways St. Paul's may be able to help us. We can also talk about our gifts and the ways we can serve to build up the Church.

If you are interested in any of these possibilities, contact Ian Koiter, Youth and Young Adult Pastor, at [ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 295.



## Cornerstone Dinner



Volunteer to serve at the next Cornerstone Dinner on  
**Saturday, January 28 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

We will be serving drinks and desserts as well as assisting with clean-up.

Sign up online at [stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone](http://stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone). For more information, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org)



## Coldest Night Walk

On February 25 we are walking to bring awareness to the work of the Yonge Street Mission, a local organization that serves the hungry, homeless and hurting in Toronto.

For more information, or to participate visit our website at [stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk](http://stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk) or contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 226.



## **The Marriage Course** **February 15 - March 29** **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

The Marriage Course is for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship. A strong, loving and lifelong relationship doesn't happen by chance. It takes effort and dedication to keep the fun and romance alive. Everyone can learn how to make even the happiest marriage better.

To learn more or to register, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/marriage-course](http://stpaulsbloor.org/marriage-course) or contact Mark Regis, at ext. 230 or [mregis@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:mregis@stpaulsbloor.org)



## **St. Paul's Organ Recitals**

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

**January 29 at 3 p.m. - Chris Dawes**

**March 26 at 3 p.m. - Thomas Bell**

**April 23 at 3 p.m. - Tom Fitches**

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Thomas Bell, Music Director, at ext. 233 or [music@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:music@stpaulsbloor.org)

## We reached our Advent Ask goal!

Thank you to all those who participated in the Advent Ask this year! We reached our goal and raised \$30,000 which will purchase 200 bikes for girls in Gurgaon, India.

**Goal:** \$30,000

**Raised:** \$30,074



## Alpha Prayer Meeting

You are invited to join in praying for Alpha every Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. at St. Paul's. At each meeting we will focus on the weekly Alpha theme and pray for every person attending and helping. For more information contact Steve Shaw at ext. 232 or [sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org)

## 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, retired, newly married or recently divorced.

Join us on Tuesday evenings

**January 31 - February 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

To find out more or to register online, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/money-course](http://stpaulsbloor.org/money-course) or contact Joyce Badley, Executive Pastor, at ext. 229 or [jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org)

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## What's Happening This Week

### Sunday, January 22

Pilgrim: The Commandments - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |  
*Room 106*

### Monday, January 23

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*  
ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, January 24

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

### Wednesday, January 25

Wednesdays With God - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*  
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, January 26

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:20 a.m. | *Music Room*  
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

### Sunday, January 29

Pilgrim: The Commandments - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |  
*Room 106*  
Organ Recital - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*  
Chancel Guild General Meeting - 12:30 p.m. |  
*Dalton Room*

## 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*

## Community Lunch



Vegetable Soup with  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich - \$8

**New price, same delicious meal,  
still a great deal.**

We have held our price the same since 2006. Due to higher costs we are raising the price of our Community Lunch to \$8.

## Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Exodus 16:1-5

Topic: Moses - Trusting Daily