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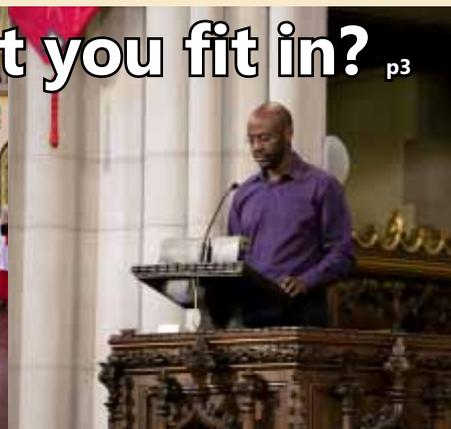
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Office Hours

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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Thanksgiving Food Drive

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

The Top Items Needed Are:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta and pasta sauce

Other items also needed include:

- Canned stew
- Canned fruit/veggies
- Canned/dried beans
- Macaroni & cheese
- Baby food & formula
- Rice
- Diapers
- Oatmeal

Bring your nonperishable food items and place them in the bin in the Atrium.



The Money Course

Many people are keen to manage their money, but often don't have the skills required to do so. The Money Course is a great place to start learning the skills. The course is designed for everyone - whether unemployed, receiving social assistance, working, retired, newly married or recently divorced. It is being offered for free at St. Paul's.

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.

Where Might You Fit In?

By Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest

Have you ever arrived for church on Sunday morning and wondered what happens behind the scenes to make the worship experience possible? How does someone get to read scripture aloud? Lead the prayers? Be part of the greeting team? Assist in administering communion? Each of these actions involve not only staff but people willing to share of themselves and their time for the sake of the community.

Each week, we have over 150 people involved in some way making not only church, but Children's Ministry, Youth Group, coffee hour, post-service prayer and many other ministries possible. Do you enjoy meeting and talking with people who are new to St. Paul's? Join the St. Paul's Central team. Can you come early or stay late? Maybe you could be a greeter or join the counters. Comfortable in the public eye? Perhaps you would be well suited to be a reader in a service. Love being with rambunctious children? Our Children's Ministry would love to have you serve there. Maybe even more than one of these activities sounds really great to you.

The Ministry Fair today is an opportunity to ask people, who are already serving, where you might fit in. The expectation at St. Paul's is that each person who considers St. Paul's their church should be engaged in ongoing learning and serving. If you haven't yet found a niche, now is the time to figure out some options. If you have been serving a long time already, thank you; is it now time to try something new?

Since the opportunities at St. Paul's are many and diverse, they are categorized broadly in four ways: Worshipping Together, Learning Together, Serving Each Other, and Serving the Community. Please stop by after service at the back of the church to start a conversation. You never know where you might fit in until you ask.

For more information on where you could get involved, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 226.



Afternoon of Worship

Join us **today Sunday, September 24 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in Cody Hall for an afternoon devoted to worship through contemporary music. Come and lift your voice in a community seeking to “be filled with the Spirit, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” (Eph 5:18–19). There will be fellowship and coffee, prayer, and lots of singing led by people from our St. Paul’s community.

**I will be filled with joy because of you.
I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

Psalm 9:2



Last Chance! Don't miss out this time.

Get your CLXXV Anniversary Lager Today

Many have enjoyed sharing a specially crafted 175th Anniversary lager with a friend or neighbour.

Sunday, September 24 until Tuesday, September 26 will be your **last chance** to purchase it, while supplies last. Six-packs will be available for \$18 cash or \$20 by credit card.

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



St. Paul's Organ Recitals

Join us next **Sunday, October 1 at 3 p.m.** and hear the beauty of our 1914 Casavant Freres organ. Our guest organist will be Matthew Whitfield.

This free one-hour concert will provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God.

For more information on our 2017-2018 series of organ recitals, pick up a card at St. Paul's Central or contact Thomas Bell, Music Director, at ext. 233 or music@stpaulsbloor.org for more information.

Music for Today, A New Song for Today

By Thomas Bell, Music Director

If there's one thing everyone has an opinion about it is music. It would be interesting to take a poll of people walking along Bloor Street soliciting opinions about what constitutes 'good music'. Doubtless the answers would be as varied as the number of people who were polled.

These strong opinions we have about music, tend to influence which musical style we think should be used in church. It is a question which is often asked, but I believe it sends our thinking in the wrong direction. A better line of thought might be: *'How do we use music to please God?'*

Music is a gift, and no matter our talents or musical education, we are all richly blessed if in the first place our aim as a community is to offer our music back to God. To do this we must first worship – and sing – from the heart. Musical intellect is a wonderful gift, as is a finely trained voice, but offering our music from the heart is central to our worship.

Furthermore, though our worship aspires to heaven, it is important we also worship as a living community firmly rooted in our contemporary context. At St. Paul's our context is in multi-cultural Toronto in 2017. Hymns and songs of the past can sit comfortably with those of our present times, but the 'desire' of our worship must be firmly rooted in the present. To this end, we often sing contemporary hymns to familiar older tunes.

In an effort to keep our worship reflective of our times and place I beg your indulgence with a hymn I have written which we will use in the weeks and months ahead. I hope it helps enable you to worship.

With a Quiet, Humble Heart

By Thomas Bell

*With a quiet, humble heart
we bring before you, Lord
All our thoughts, our words and deeds,
And prayers for those in need.
Confessing all our faults,
We wish to start anew
With a quiet humble heart,
That lives each day for you.*

*With an eager, open mind
we long to know you, Lord.
Through the study of your word
Your voice is always heard.
The truth shall be revealed
To those who always seek
With an eager, open mind
That thinks each day of you.*

*With each trusting step we take,
Your hands are in our own,
Guiding every move we make
Along the path you've shown.
A life with Christ on earth
Will lead to heaven's shores.
With each trusting step we take,
We place our hands in yours.*

*("With a Quiet, Humble Heart" premiers at the September 24th 11 a.m. service as the Call to Worship)*₅



Annual General Meeting

The 175th 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.

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!



Who Are the People in Your Neighbourhood?

If you would like to get to know other neighbours also living in the local high rises and are interested in community engagement, you are invited to join us on **September 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org.

Ways to Give

For more information visit stpaulsbloor.org/give



In Person



Pre-Authorized Giving



Through our App



Online

This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- Prosperity, civility and a lasting peace for all nations.
- Wisdom to be granted to all leaders, and especially our governments as they decide how to respond to the crises faced every day.
- For the many who are suffering from the relentless destruction of hurricanes and flooding.
- The progress made in people's health made possible by wisdom, technology and creativity, we give you thanks.
- The dignity of all humanity, created in your image.

The Global Church

- Unity amid diversity, so we will love those with whom we have nothing in common but the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
- All followers of Christ to grow in the faith and walk humbly, with you, our Lord and God.

In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our community; Tom, Susan, Andrew, Nicholas, Caroline, Raymond, Lilly, Anna, Carolina, Glendora, Pierson and pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

Prayer for Ministry Fair

Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, showed his love for you by serving others. Help us to reflect his life in our lives of service to others. Enable us to serve you by serving others with gentleness, compassion, and tenderness. May we never keep score and always give, never expecting to receive. Give us the wisdom and love to serve you most effectively and with our whole hearts. Amen.



Thanksgiving Tributes and Memorials

Paying tribute to or remembering someone with a donation to the Thanksgiving decor of church 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. Donations 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 pay tribute to or remember. Memorials begin at \$20 per entry and must be submitted no later than next **Sunday, October 1.**

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, September 24 - Ministry Fair Sunday

Ministry Fair - after all services | *Sanctuary*
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. | *Cody Hall*

Tuesday, September 26

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*
Money Course - 7 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

Wednesday, September 27

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 28

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

Friday, September 29

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

Sunday, October 1

Organ Recital - 3:00 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*



**Don't forget -
Lunch will be served
in the Great Hall
following the
11 a.m. service for
\$8 per person.**

The Flowers Today

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

At the High Table: Dora & George Aldworth and
Marion & Alexander Weddell given by
Meg & George Aldworth.

At the Font: Cassie Milner given by friends of Cassie.

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

James 2:12-20

Topic: Faith in Action