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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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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Black History Service

Today, Sunday, February 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the 22nd Annual Celebration Service of Black History Month. This year's service will focus on the last 150 years and celebrate the past, present and future of the community. Join us for an evening of praise, song and dance.



## Pancake Supper

Join us this **Tuesday, February 28 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Enjoy chef Omari's amazing pancakes (gluten-free available) with maple syrup, bacon and eggs. Entertainment includes music and children's activities. Tickets can be purchased at the door - \$8 per adult and \$6 per child.

For more information contact Janet Earle, Children's Minister, at ext. 241 or [children@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:children@stpaulsbloor.org).



## Singing With a New Voice



By Thomas Bell, Music Director

Whether you sing a little off-key, or like an opera star at the Met, the experience of singing is a very healthy one for all of us, reaching the depths of our souls. Being such a cathartic activity, many of our worries and distractions are banished when we sing. Indeed, it is no surprise the practice of prayer and singing are related. Both require us to listen attentively; both use our voices in an almost disarmingly honest and personal way; and, among other similarities, both singing and prayer have a timeless quality.

As you may be aware, we sing a wonderfully wide range of music at St. Paul's: hymns that are almost as ancient as the early church, and choruses that were written just a year or two ago. I would like to draw your attention to three pieces of music the 11 a.m. choir is offering in the next few weeks. These works, despite their widely divergent styles and dates of composition, all marry a prayerful timelessness with great musical excitement.

The setting of Psalm 51, *Miserere*, by the Renaissance composer Allegri is justly famous. Its soaring soprano solos and beautiful choruses make the work a lovely act of worship for our 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. Despite its long history (it was written in 1630) the music feels and sounds as if it might have been composed at almost any time over the past 400 years!

In contrast, the motet on Sunday, March 5 at 11 a.m. is sung with a contemporary

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jazzy saxophone solo. *O Wisdom* by Will Todd was written as recently as last year. It is an exuberant setting of a prayer drawn from the second century.

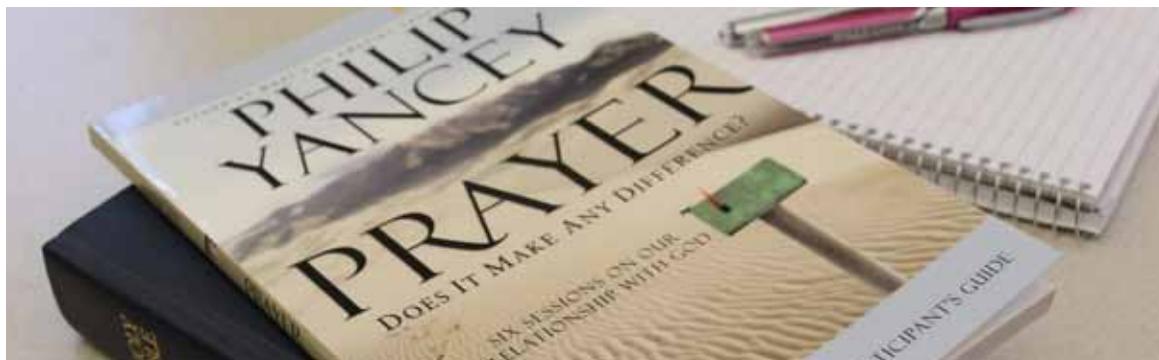
Lastly, *Freedom Trilogy* by Paul Halley combines three different musical styles - ancient plainchant, a traditional African freedom song and the hymn, *Amazing Grace* - to form a very appealing and unusual composition. Both the text and the musical language emphasise the inherently multicultural nature of our faith. It will be part of our 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, March 12.

We are called to worship God in spirit and truth. I pray as we sing and listen together, our music will have an authenticity that will bring heaven and earth a little closer.

For more information about these pieces, or about the 11 a.m. music at St. Paul's, contact Thomas Bell, Music Director, at [music@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:music@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 233.

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## Lent at Wednesdays With God



One of our weekly small groups, Wednesdays With God, will be observing the Lenten Season using the DVD series, "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" based on the book by Philip Yancey. Each session includes questions and time for reflection.

**Wednesdays starting March 8 to April 12 from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.** Lunch is available for \$8 per week. Study guides are available for \$10. Please register in advance to ensure there will be enough study guides and lunch. Everyone is welcome to join!

For more information or to register, contact the office at [mail@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:mail@stpaulsbloor.org) or 416-961-8116.



## Lent Begins this Wednesday

Lent is a practical 40 day season of spiritual preparation, culminating in our observance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection at Easter. For those exploring the Christian Faith, this season will provide you with an experience of living faith.

Join us every Sunday during Lent for our sermon series: "Our Discipleship Journey". Stay tuned for Barry Parker's article on this sermon series in next week's What's Happening!

### Ash Wednesday



Join us on Ash Wednesday, **March 1** for communion services at **8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.** This reflective and ancient service begins the 40-day season of Lent. This is a time for personal examination and repentance as we prepare to observe the death and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Ashes are an ancient biblical sign of repentance and will be put on people's foreheads at these services.

### INVITE A FRIEND TO CELEBRATE EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S WITH YOU!



#### APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY

Communion services at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.



#### APRIL 13 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion service at 7 p.m.



#### APRIL 14 - GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion Reading service at 11 a.m.

*Journey to the Cross* for children and youth at 11 a.m.



#### APRIL 16 - Easter Sunday Celebrations

Communion Services at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Easter Egg Hunt* for children after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services

Pick up an invitation to our services at St. Paul's Central.



## World Day of Prayer 2017

### “Am I Being Unfair to You”

A World Day of Prayer (WDP) service will be held on **Saturday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m.** at Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Drive. This year the service was written by WDP of the Phillipines. There will be a lunch to follow.

Elevators are located at the side entrance on Glen Road.

If you are travelling by TTC, take Bus 82 from Rosedale Subway to the Whitney Street stop.



## HER OWN SET OF WHEELS

Schools can be 4 to 5 km away from the community of Gurgaon, India. Girls are vulnerable on the long walk to school. Without transportation, many choose to drop out altogether.

### A Note from World Vision...

*This past Christmas the people of St. Paul's raised \$30,074 to purchase bikes for girls in India. The following thank you note is from World Vision CEO Michael Messenger:*

Dear Barry and the congregation of St. Paul's,

Thank you once again for the amazing and generous support of our bicycle program for girls. Know that you are helping to transform lives - and are modelling Jesus' care and concern for the "least of these."

Peace,  
Michael Messenger  
President and CEO,  
World Vision Canada

**You are invited to join us for the following prayer events:**



### **Growing in Prayer**

**March 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Why do we pray? Jesus prayed and when his disciples asked "how should we pray?" he gave them a workshop on prayer! We invite you to join our Saturday morning workshop – an opportunity for beginners in prayer as well as those already on the way to share and learn together about praying on our own and with others. We begin with coffee and muffins at 9 a.m.

### **Praying Through Holy Week**

**April 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

During this time, we will reflect on and pray for all of the events and services of Holy Week and Easter at St. Paul's.

For more information contact Steve Shaw, Associate Priest,  
at [sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 232.

### **Connect with us on Social Media**

Follow us for news,  
photos and updates.



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Watch for photos of  
our Pancake Supper!



## **LOST & FOUND**

Last chance!

Please check the Lost & Found, located  
in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary,  
today before you leave. Anything left  
behind will be donated at the end of  
February.

# What's Happening This Week

## Sunday, February 26

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

Black History Service - 4:30 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

## Monday, February 27

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*

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

## Tuesday, February 28 - Shrove Tuesday

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

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

Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*

Pancake Supper - 6 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Prayer Time - 7 p.m. | *Room 7*

## Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services -

8 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*

12:10 p.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*

7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*

The Marriage Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

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

## Thursday, March 2

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. | *Great Hall*

## Saturday, March 4

Alpha - 9 a.m. | *Great Hall*

## Sunday, March 5

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

## The Flowers Today

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Black History Month.

# 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



Chicken Stirfry - \$8

## Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Matthew 20:25-28

Topic: Our Discipleship  
Journey - Active Involvement