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CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS

This June, we'll be starting a forum series called Challenging Conversations. These forums will provide an opportunity for us to practice Gospel-centered listening in discussions about current issues with divergent perspectives.

Our first 3-week forum series is called "Challenging Conversations: Marriage." This July, the Anglican Church of Canada will vote for a second time on the understanding of marriage and whether it includes same-sex partners in marriage or keeps the current understanding of marriage as between a man and a woman.

We're inviting members from all 3 services to take part in this family conversation and discover Jesus' call to unity in a time of significant change. Our goal for this upcoming forum is not to establish St. Paul's position on marriage, but to provide a theological approach for listening and interpreting difficult issues.

If you're a member of St. Paul's, join us on:

June 2 at 1 pm in Cody Hall - We Prepare: How Do We Engage Difference?

June 9 at 1 pm in Cody Hall - We Learn: Perspectives on Marriage

June 16 at 1 pm in Cody Hall – We Share: What Have We Learned?

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Regis at **ext. 230** or mregis@stpaulsbloor.org.

Celebrating Joyce's Contribution



Today we will mark and give thanks for the long and faithful ministry and leadership of Joyce Badley at St. Paul's. Joyce has been a parishioner since 1987.



During the past 31 years, Joyce has served in numerous capacities and ministries—Treasurer, Board member, Warden and for the past 14 years she has served on staff, most recently as our Executive Director—the chief operational steward of the parish.



Her formative background includes a Chartered Accountant designation and a Master of Divinity. In 2017, Joyce was awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto for her long service to the Church.

Please join us at **10:30 am** in the **Great Hall** to celebrate Joyce' ministry and wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Welcome Bishop Kevin Robertson



Today we welcome Bishop Kevin Robertson as celebrant and preacher for the 9:30 and 11 am services. Bishop Robertson is bishop for the York-Scarborough area which includes St. Paul's.

We will continue in our sermon series, "Insomnia: What Keeps You Up at Night?" and Bishop Robertson will be preaching about another topic that keeps many people up at night: Health...Why am I so Fragile?

Bring Your Family for a Night of Fun

MAY 29 | 6:00 - 8:30 PM



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

BBQ • GAMES • COMMUNITY

Calling all families with students in Grades 4 to 8. Join us on **Wednesday, May 29 at 6 pm** in the Great Hall for:

- BBQ dinner and dessert (cost is \$10 per person)
- Games and activities for the whole family
- Learn about our Children and Youth Ministry and meet our Children and Youth Leaders
- Connect with other families and make new friends

Help us plan by letting us know you're coming. RSVP at stpaulsbloor.org/family-fun-night. If you have any questions contact Janet Earle at **ext. 241** or children@stpaulsbloor.org.

Connect with other parents

Join our NEW Facebook group for parents! It's a group where you can connect with other families and stay updated with what's happening in Children and Youth ministries. Visit our Facebook page, click on the Groups tab and join the **Parents – St. Paul's Bloor Street** Facebook group.



Parents - St. Paul's Bloor Street

FIRSTS

FAITH BEGINS
WITH A
FIRST STEP

From the moment we are born, life is full of firsts. Our first breath, our first steps, our first day of school, our first kiss, our first job. These firsts can be exciting, or suspenseful, or terrifying – or all three! But life’s “firsts” are always transformative, causing us to grow. When we do something for the first time, it changes us, it opens new horizons, it creates new possibilities.

When God sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, He was doing something brand new. He was creating the very FIRST church. Like any newborn, what followed were a series of firsts for that infant church: the FIRST day, the FIRST sermon, the FIRST gathering, the FIRST miracle. It was exciting and it was terrifying! God was opening new horizons, and creating new possibilities.

These days it is easy to retreat to places of safety and comfort in our faith, but that is not the life God calls us to. God is still calling His people, His church, to take those risky, first steps of faith even though it may feel frightening. Has it been a while since the Spirit moved you into a new future? Where might God be calling you to step out in faith for the FIRST time? Let’s make this season of Pentecost a season of FIRSTS for us all!

There are people in your life who are looking to take a step of faith, but sometimes need a little help with a first step. Help someone take their first step of faith by inviting them to St. Paul’s. Pick up a sermon series invite card in the Atrium and make the next several weeks a season of firsts for yourself and someone else.





The St. Paul's Young Professionals group is a great, casual way to connect with other young adults who are at early stages in their careers. At our monthly gatherings, we explore ways to grow confidently in our work lives, learn how to conduct business ethically and with integrity, and we discuss ways that faith can inform our goals and practices.

Bring a friend and join us at our next Young Professionals Night on **Thursday, May 30 at 7 pm** in the Leadership Lounge as we learn the importance of taking care of our well-being at our jobs. We will also touch on topics like how you can offer support to co-workers who might be suffering from mental illness. For more information, contact Ian Koiter, Young Adults Pastor at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.



Interested in Becoming a Member at St. Paul's?



Interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's? On **Sunday, June 2**, join us after the 9:30 and 11 am services in the Library for a 30-minute info session on membership at St. Paul's. If you've been attending St. Paul's for a minimum of 3 months, come learn about what it means to be a member at St. Paul's. For more information, visit stpaulsbloor.org/membership or contact Robert Hurkmans at **ext. 252** or rhurkmans@stpaulsbloor.org.

Help Young People Meet Jesus and Discover the Great Outdoors

PIONEER



Pioneer Camp offers all kinds of outdoor fun, lively worship, and Bible study. Every summer young lives are changed as Christian faith is taught and shared. We invite you to contribute to the sponsorship of our young people to spend a week at Ontario Pioneer Camp.



The cost of sending a child to camp for one week is \$900 and contributions in any amount are welcome. Mark your cheques or envelopes for 'Pioneer Camp Sponsorship' or donate online at stpaulsbloor.org/give. We offer sponsorships to families in our community who might not be able to attend camp otherwise. For more information contact Janet Earle at **ext. 241** or children@stpaulsbloor.org.

WHAT'S YOUR

NEXTSTEP?



Connect to Community.

Check out programs for children, youth and young adults. Join a prayer meeting or Bible study.

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Make a Difference through Serving.

Find a time and place that works best for you.

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