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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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Special Celebrations Today!



Today 12 people will be taking a wonderful step of faith in our community.

At 8:15 a.m. we celebrate with Baptism. Baptism is the sign of new life in Jesus Christ. It's an individual's public commitment to be a follower of Jesus.

At 11 a.m. we celebrate with Confirmation and Reception into the Anglican Communion. Ten people will be confirmed. Confirmation is a public service of worship where a person reaffirms their baptismal vows. For those baptised as infants, this is a chance to take ownership of the promises made on their behalf. One person will be publicly declaring their faith and be received into the Anglican Communion.

Please pray for everyone as they make these public statements of their faith.



Today's Preacher

Our preacher at the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services today is Bishop Kevin Roberston. Please join us in welcoming him to St. Paul's.



Alpha Youth: Reflections on the Road to Confirmation



Some of our youth answer questions about their Alpha Youth experience

What unanswered questions did Alpha Youth help you explore and how has it prepared you for Confirmation?

"Alpha group helped me to answer and explore questions such as, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" and, "Can anybody become a Christian?" Alpha has prepared me for confirmation because it challenged me to learn about God and the Christian religion. It also was an important introduction to the Christian faith as I had not talked so openly about Christianity to anybody before." - Forrest Currie

"Throughout each week I felt Alpha explored very relevant topics to my life, and explored many questions that I had been asking myself. This helped to realize that I was not the only person with these questions, and Alpha gave me a very satisfying response to questions on many topics. For example, we watched some great videos on prayer, the devil, and sharing your faith with the world. Alpha has prepared me for Confirmation because during the Alpha experience I was able to explore many new questions outside my comfort zone. I feel by overcoming the fear of these questions I was able to keep moving forward in my faith. Also I feel I was able to have very deep and honest discussions with the people at my table group. Overall I think Alpha Youth has brought me to the next step in my faith." - Clara Thaut

"Alpha has prepared me for Confirmation because it teaches us how to be the best people we can be." - Hayden Currie

"Alpha has helped me fully understand what the Holy Spirit does and how it helps us. It has also helped me answer the question of what it means to be a Christian and fully understand to have a relationship with God." - Sarah Wee



How will you take what you've learned at Alpha Youth and apply it to your life?

"Alpha has taught me many things that I would like to apply to my everyday life. At school I used to be very shy about my faith and never really felt it necessary to share it with anyone. After a few weeks of Alpha I noticed that I was being more open about my faith with my friends. I started talking about youth group more and wasn't afraid to answer my friends questions anymore. This has showed me that I do not need to be scared to show my faith because God will always be

with me no matter what." - Clara Thaut

"I will bring Alpha into my life because it has taught me how to think about Christianity in a [new way]. I will also be much kinder and be a better person by following in the footsteps of God." - Hayden Currie

"After Alpha, I am more open to talking to people about the Christian Church and religion. I have become more empathetic, as we watched clips of people's hardships and how they were greatly influenced by God. I will also start to attend church more regularly and pray more." - Forrest Currie



Help send a child to Ontario Pioneer camp



St. Paul's and Ontario Pioneer Camp have enjoyed a fruitful connection that has spanned many years. 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 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. For more information contact Janet Earle at ext. 241 or children@stpaulsbloor.org



The Struggle is Real: Being a Millennial in the Workplace

Hosted by St. Paul's Young Professionals

May 31 | 7 - 9 pm | Youth Room

Let's talk about challenges, stereotypes, and advice for being a millennial in the workplace on **May 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the Youth Room. We will watch and discuss Simon Sinek's interview on Millennials in the Workplace.

St. Paul's Young Professionals group is a great way to meet other young adults in our church community and to share ideas and struggles.

Looking for a creative volunteer opportunity?

If you have a creative eye, some experience with a camera, and a heart for serving - we invite you to serve on the Photography Team!

We need reliable, creative and passionate individuals to serve on the Photography Team! Our mission is to use the creative outlet of photography to show St. Paul's Bloor Street as we seek to be a transformative community for the city.

To learn more and to apply, visit stpaulsbloor.org/photography-team



June 1 - Day of Prayer and Fasting



St. Paul's is part of the Diocese of Toronto, which includes 230 communities of faith. The Bishop of Toronto has oversight of these communities, as well as being a leader in mission, reconciliation, justice, complex administration and an important voice in the wider Global Church. Our current bishop, Colin Johnson will soon retire and six candidates have submitted their names to serve in this central role. The Episcopal election will take place on June 9.

In preparation for this important moment, our Diocese will engage in a Day of Prayer & Fasting, discerning God's direction through

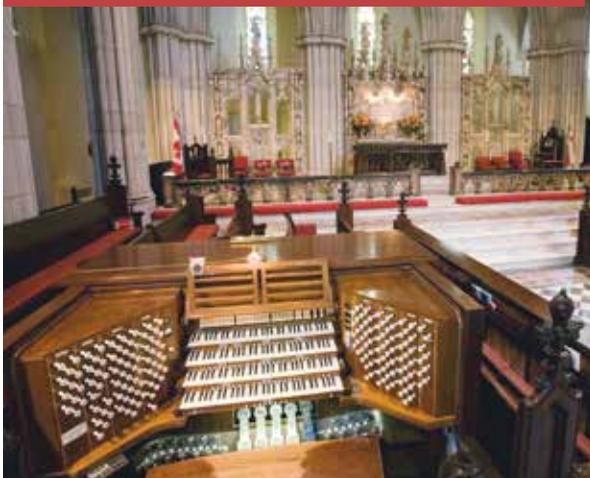
learning, prayer, and discussion. On June 1, you are encouraged to take part in either of two ways:

- Join us in St. Paul's Chapel anytime between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., joining with others to learn about the candidates, to pray and discuss
- Participate at home or work through the resources found in the link below.

For more information: toronto.anglican.ca/about-the-diocese/corporate-information/synod/2018-electoral-synod/diocese-wide-day-of-prayer-fasting/

Please join us in praying for the candidates during this critical time in our Diocese.

Organ Concert



Join us next **Sunday, June 3 at 3 p.m.** for a free one-hour organ concert featuring Simon Walker.

Simon is from the United Kingdom. He was educated in cathedral choral music at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and also holds the Associate diploma of the Royal College of Organists. Currently he is the Director of Music at St. Jude's Anglican Church, Oakville, and Accompanist to Pax Christie Chorale. He is also in regular demand freelance as an accompanist, teacher and conductor.

This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- For the protection and restoration of the land and oceans; teach us God how to be good stewards of His creation.
- For God's church to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving neighbour as self – especially remembering today those in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In the Community

- Help leaders to set aside selfish ambition and seek to govern for the welfare of all people with grace and mercy.
- For Youth Unlimited, to bring God's message of grace and mercy to everyone they encounter.

In Our Church

- For those providing hospitality as ushers, greeters, sides people and St. Paul's Central hosts to extend His grace, welcome and kindness to those visiting.
- We pray for the following members of our community: George, Kathleen, Julia, Veronica, Beverly, Cecil, Connie, Catherine, Barbara; asking Jesus to teach us all how to love others as Jesus has loved us.

The Flowers Today

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

At the High Table and the Chapels:

June Eileen Redwood & James Austin
Redwood given by Patricia Kendall & Fred
Gillespie.

Ivy & Bud Willmot and Mary & Jim McCabe
given by Michael & Gwyne Willmot.



What's Happening This Week

Sunday, May 27

Pilgrim: Church & Kingdom - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*
Chancel Guild Executive Meeting -
12:30 p.m. | *Leadership Lounge*

Monday, May 28

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

Tuesday, May 29

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

Wednesday, May 30

Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*
Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Room 206*
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, May 31

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*
St. Paul's Young Professionals - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Friday, June 1

Music for Health - 10 a.m. | *Gym*
Diocese Day of Prayer & Fasting - *St. Paul's Chapel*
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. | *Music Room*
GriefShare - 1:30 p.m. | *Library*

Sunday, June 3

Pilgrim: Church & Kingdom - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*
Organ Concert - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Stay Connected!



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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

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*
\$8 per person



Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Revelation 5:1-9

Topic: Image of God : Lamb