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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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Karen Isaacs - New Associate Priest



The Rev. Karen Isaacs is a graduate of Wycliffe College at the Toronto School of Theology (M.T.S., C.A.S.). She was ordained a priest in 2018, most recently serving in the amalgamated parish of St. Mary and St. Martha. Karen hails from beautiful rural Manitoba originally. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from the University of Manitoba, she spent some time serving in overseas missions in various parts of Africa and Europe before finally landing in Toronto in 2010 to study theology.

After graduation Karen worked as Assistant to the Bishop of York-Scarborough while she pursued a call to ordained ministry. In the priesthood she has discovered the deep joy that comes with serving where God has called her. In her spare time Karen enjoys reading, cycling, board games, and traveling, as well as the companionship of her fish Atticus and her cat Loki. She is a proud aunt to eight wonderful 'niblings' (six nieces, two nephews).

Karen's passions in ministry are preaching, pastoring, and helping people of all ages grow in their walk with Jesus. She is excited to be a part of the St. Paul's team as of **September 1.**

Join the Challenge

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Join the challenge on 8.18.19.

On August 18, we're doing something we've never done before. We're interrupting our sermon series to launch a church-wide challenge for everyone to join God's work in transforming lives. Are you in? Join us on **Sunday, August 18 at 8:15, 9:30 or 11 am** for the unveiling of our #Alpha108 Challenge.

Learn How to Share Your Life and Faith

We are called as the church to share the Gospel, but the reality is sharing our faith can be awkward or intimidating.

If you've ever thought to yourself, *"I'm not the best person for this"* or *"I don't want to offend them by sharing my faith"* or even, *"I don't know what to say or how to go about sharing my faith"* we hear you.

That's why we want to encourage and equip you to share your faith with others with three 20-minute training sessions. Each session features a video designed to inspire and help you live out God's call to share your life and faith with your friends, colleagues and neighbours



Mark your calendars for 3 upcoming sessions on How to Share Your Life and Faith:

Session 1: **August 18** – after the 9:30 and 11 am services in Cody Hall

Session 2: **August 25** – after the 9:30 and 11 am services in Cody Hall

Session 3: **September 1** – after the 9:30 and 11 am services in Cody Hall

SUNDAE SUNDAY



Sundae Sunday is **Sunday, August 18** and it's a great reason to invite your family and friends to a Sunday service! Sundaes will be served after the **9:30 am and 11 am** services.

Pile your ice cream high with whipped cream and colourful toppings. One scoop is \$1, and two scoops is \$2. Dairy-free ice cream will also be available.

WELCOME SUNDAY



Whether you're new to St. Paul's or returning after the summer holidays, we invite you to join us on **September 8** for Welcome Sunday. During our services at **8:15 am, 9:30 am, 11 am** on September 8, we'll kick off a new sermon series "Plugging In." Following each of the services, you can connect or reconnect with each other over treats and refreshments.

Children are invited to have fun at our Children's Carnival happening in Cody Hall **after the 9:30 and 11 am services**. If you have a friend or know another family looking for a church, consider inviting them to Welcome Sunday as we kick-off a new season of ministry at St. Paul's.

Support DeAndrea's Summer Ministry



DeAndrea Yeates, a youth leader at St. Paul's, is serving at Intersivarsity Pioneer Camp for the entire summer. As a Section Head, she is working hard to make camp fun and filled with the love of Christ for campers 11 to 14 years old. We're inviting you to partner with us in financially supporting DeAndrea's ministry at Pioneer Camp so she can earn money for her upcoming tuition and school expenses.

To support DeAndrea, you can write her name on an offering envelope in the space beside "Other". You can also give online at stpaulsbloor.org/give, by selecting "Other" from the dropdown box and type in "DeAndrea Yeates."

SUMMER BOOK SALE



Stop by the Book Sale outside of the Great Hall for your next summer read. You can also stop by during the week, **Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 7 pm**. Donations are appreciated but are not required. All proceeds go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, helping families and individuals in difficult circumstances.

Summer Reading Lists

Wondering what to read at the cottage, on the beach or on your balcony? Come over to St. Paul's Library where we have reading lists on a variety of topics. Spend some time this summer growing in your relationship with the Lord. For a copy of these lists or more information, please see Peggy Abbott or Janice Webster in the library following the services.

Pilgrimage to Israel 2020 with Wycliffe College by Sonya Lawley

In February 2018, I participated in Wycliffe College's 10 day "Pilgrimage to Israel" trip. I was excited for the opportunity to learn and explore, but it was the encounters with the living Word in worship, prayer, and fellowship, that made this journey transformative.

We sat by the Sea of Galilee on the beach where Jesus called his first disciples. We prayed at the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed before his death. We stood on the Temple Steps where the 3000 were baptized at Pentecost.

What was most transformative about visiting these sites was the confrontation that it was all historical, factual, traceable, undoubtable truth. Jesus lived, walked, and died in this exact place – for you and me.

Logan Hurst and I will be participating in next year's Pilgrimage to Israel tour from **February 12-24, 2020**. Please speak to us after any of the services if you would like more information or visit wycliffecollege.ca/israel2020



2019 Diocese Youth Retreat



Once a year, youth from across the Diocese of Toronto come together for an annual ReCharge youth retreat, empowering youth to deepen their relationship with God and each other. This year's retreat is from **September 13 to September 15** in Muskoka Woods and the St. Paul's Youth Group will be attending.

The retreat is for youth in Grade 6 to 12. During the weekend, youth enjoy good food, music, inspiring worship, encouraging speakers, friendship and the great outdoors. Bursaries are available. To register, contact Ian Koiter at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.

Programs, Bible Studies and Community Returning this Fall



If you're looking for a small community to connect and belong to, check out:

Winchester Group – resumes **September 10 at 10 am**

Christian Meditation – resumes **September 10 at 1 pm**

Little Sunbeams Parents & Tots – starting **September 11 at 9:45 am**

Wednesdays With God – resumes **September 11 at 12 pm**

Young Professionals – starting **September 26 at 7 pm**

No registration is required for these groups – first time members are always welcome.

For a schedule of regular weekly events, please visit stpaulsbloor.org/calendar.

Griefshare, DivorceCare, and Music for Health are programs available for your emotional, spiritual and physical needs. Visit stpaulsbloor.org/programs-courses for dates, details and to register.

SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT

This August, join us for an organ concert. This free one-hour concert provides an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God. On **Sunday, August 11 at 3 pm** the concert will feature Alexander Straus-Fausto from Kitchener-Waterloo. Bring your family and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with us. For more upcoming organ concert dates, please visit stpaulsbloor.org/organ-concerts



Like a song we sang today? Check out our August Contemporary and Classic playlists on Spotify!
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Community News - To subscribe to our Community News email, fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



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What's Happening - Keep this monthly newsletter or view it online at: stpaulsbloor.org/whats-happening



St. Paul's Central - If you have questions about St. Paul's, speak to a volunteer at the kiosk in the Atrium on Sundays or call our office during the week.