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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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Sundae Sunday returns on **Sunday, July 14!** It's a great reason to invite your family and friends to a Sunday service. Pile your ice cream high with whip cream and colourful toppings. Dairy-free ice cream will also be available. One scoop is \$1, and two scoops are \$2. Sundaes will be served after the **9:30 am and 11 am** services.



ESTHER: GOD BEHIND THE SCENES



Summer time is movie time! We all wait in anticipation to see what this year's Summer blockbuster will be. Crowds stream to the theatres to see all the big stars in these action packed productions. However, as moviegoers we only get to see the finished product, the "final cut." But often the real work is happening off camera, behind the scenes.

As far as blockbusters go, the book of Esther has it all: romance, suspense, action, and a climactic ending. It is also filled with intriguing actors: Esther, Xerxes, Haman, & Mordecai. But the real action in the book of Esther happens behind the scenes.

God gets very little screen time in the book of Esther. There is no mention of God; no mention of prayer; no prophetic visions; not one reference to a miracle of any kind. This has led some to conclude God is absent in the book of Esther. But God is there, not in the limelight but in the director's chair, working feverishly behind the scenes.

We live in a world where God often appears absent or hidden. The book of Esther causes us to ponder how God is at work, even when he's not stealing the spotlight. This Summer we will be reading and preaching through the book of Esther - one chapter every week beginning on **Sunday, July 7**. Invite a friend and join us for this series on Sunday mornings and discover how God is always at work behind the scenes.

SUMMER FUN FOR CHILDREN



Summer is here! Many of our families head off for Summer adventures, but many will be staying right here in the city. We will be having fun each Sunday this Summer at the **9:30 am and 11 am services.**

This Summer we are exploring some 'Big Stories from the Old Testament' and looking at how they point us to Jesus. Our Nursery is staffed and open every Sunday, and children ages 4-11 are welcome to join our Summer Program in the Dalton Room. We will have games, movies and a special craft each week. We will find lions, a whale, and an unlikely queen as we look at the first part of the Bible. There are some amazing true stories to explore.

Bring a friend and come have some fun, get a little messy, and enjoy the relaxed pace of our Summer program. Summer is a great time to invite a friend to church. After a sleepover, join us for fun on Sunday morning. We look forward to welcoming new friends!

Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way. (Psalm 119:105)

Summer Fun for Youth

Wednesday night Youth Group wrapped up at the beginning of June. Sunday morning Youth Group will continue to gather at **9:30 am and 11 am** during the Summer. New friends are always welcome!



Support DeAndrea's Summer Ministry



"Hello, my name is DeAndrea Yeates and many of you would recognize me as one of the youth leaders here at St. Paul's. While the school year is coming to an end, I'll be continuing God's ministry at InterVarsity Pioneer Camp of Ontario. Pioneer Camp is a well known overnight Christian camp attended in the Summer by many of the children and youth at St. Paul's.

I am pleased to say throughout the Summer I'll be the Section Head for 11-14 year old campers at the Girls Camp. I will be involved in making this Summer fun and filled with the love of Christ. Pioneer Camp became such a huge part in the development of my faith, and the kind of leader I want to be. I am thankful I was introduced to Pioneer Camp when I first started attending St. Paul's in the 7th grade.

Taking on the role of Section Head, allows me to give other campers the same experience and joy I got as a camper myself. I can show them the wonders God can do in our lives when we dedicate our lives to his word and wisdom. Since I will be going to camp for the whole Summer, I have the opportunity to be a part of Pioneer Camp's Summer missions program. Summer missions allows staff to raise funds towards their education in the new academic year. When I return from camp at the end of August, I will be preparing for my second year at the University of Toronto. I am thankful to be a part of a large Christian community here at St. Paul's, and encourage you to be a part of my journey while I'm at Pioneer Camp this Summer." - DeAndrea Yeates

DeAndrea will be serving at Pioneer Camp for the entire Summer. 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."

Who in your life could you pray for?

a neighbour
a co-worker
a family member
a friend

We're already preparing for Alpha launch in September. Start praying for your neighbours, co-workers, family members, friends, or anyone you could invite to Alpha. Keep an eye out later this Summer for invite and prayer cards that will be available for you to share with others. Who will you invite?



GOING ON VACATION?



Whether you're at the cottage, brunch with friends, or the airport, you can still support God's work through the ministry of St. Paul's Bloor Street. There are 4 easy ways to give:

1. Give online
2. Text "stpaulsbloor" to 77977
3. Give through our app
4. Set up automated giving

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/give for more information.



Tuesday Communion



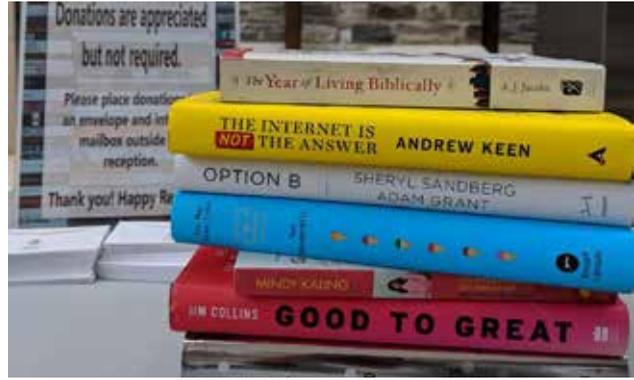
Tuesday Communion will continue throughout the Summer. Join us **every Tuesday at 12:10 pm** for a short service of Holy Communion. If you have family or friends visiting town, this is a perfect opportunity to experience various aspects of St. Paul's beyond Sunday mornings.

GriefShare



Join us in the Library on **Monday, July 8** from **5 pm to 6:30 pm** for GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse. There are challenges that a surviving spouses can face. Come for an evening and learn what to expect in the days ahead and the possibilities of hope in your new life, going forward. This is a stand-alone session and you can register at stpaulsbloor.org/griefshare.

Donate Your Used Books



We're collecting used books for our Summer booksale. If you have books you no longer need or want, please place them in the box in the Atrium **before the end of July**. Proceeds will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to assist those in need in our community.

Serve this Summer



Serving is a great way to meet people, make a difference and help the community this Summer. Try welcoming and handing out bulletins as a Greeter, singing in our Summer choir, or assisting with Children's Ministry.

We'll help you find a fit based on your skills and schedule. Fill out a Connection Card, or visit stpaulsbloor.org/serve.

SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

This Summer, join us for an organ concert. These free one-hour concerts provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God. On **Sunday, July 7 at 3 pm** we welcome Tom Gonder, Organist and Director of Music St. Matthew's Anglican Church. The next concert on **Sunday, August 11 at 3 pm** will feature Alexander Straus-Fausto from Kitchener-Waterloo. Bring your family and enjoy a Summer afternoon with us.



Like a song we sang today? Check out our Summer playlists on Spotify! Follow us at "**stpaulsbloor**."



5 ways to stay updated this Summer:



Website - Check the "Calendar" on our website for the latest events and to find out when programs and courses are starting.



Community News - To subscribe to our Community News email, fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



Social Media - Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for photos, videos, stories, daily encouragement, or join one of our Facebook groups.



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



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