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Our Services

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Morning Prayer
on 3rd and 5th Sundays
Children ministry
available

Wednesday

- 12:15 p.m. Bread for the Body
Food for the Soul
Soup and Reflective Readings

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Letter from the Rector

Summer Greetings,

It seems that more often than not when these warm, sunny days of summer arrive many church members take advantage of the weather and head for cottage country, or another vacation destination. And, that is certainly the case here at St. James. But with open doors and open hearts ministry continues throughout the summer months albeit with a slightly different focus. While some have left for holidays others arrive in Montreal as their holiday city of choice with its mix of culture and entertainment. And with this the Sunday congregation reworks its membership as it shifts in population and size.



Photo: Robert Camara

Not only are these new faces found in the worship services but also during week-days there are a number of people who come in to visit this sacred space both as a historical site and a place of prayer and refuge. For the past few years St. James has welcomed a number of visitors thanks to the ministry of our volunteers who make themselves available Monday, Wednesday and Friday welcoming those who come through our doors.

Another ministry that shifts and changes during the summer months is the choir. You may have noticed some new faces among the choir membership. I've always found it somewhat sad that at a time when visitors are coming to join us our choir is on break. And although I am aware that this gives those in the choir an opportunity to respond to other professional venues, I thought there could be a way to bridge this gap. A few years ago Scott and I agreed that having some members stay on to sing solos would fill this void. Two years ago this was extended to members of the congregation who have a heart and voice for singing. This past Sunday there were nine members singing praises to the Lord.

Sunday Morning Bible Study is an ongoing ministry throughout the year. But, in the summer there is a rotating leadership giving different lay members a place to exercise their ministry of teaching. And thanks to my colleagues Patricia, Peter and Robert you continue to be served pastorally through their teaching and spiritual care. There is always someone in the household who is familiar and can respond to those in need, and for this we are truly blessed.

May this season give you rest and refreshment as you seek to serve one another in Christ.

Canon Linda +

i would like to invite you to read Psalm 96 for your Summer reflection.

An Outreach activity at St. James the Apostle

News from The Shoppe

by Brenda Gervais

The church of St. James the Apostle has shared its space with various non-profit organizations, small businesses and community outreach programmes, but one component that has been around for almost 30 years is known as *The Shoppe*.

The Shoppe collects and sells lightly used books, adult clothing and household items at very reasonable prices. Evelyn Rodriquez coordinates the dozen volunteers who keep The Shoppe running by collecting, sorting and selling items donated.

If you have any lightly used items that you would like to donate to The Shoppe, please bring them by the office Monday to Friday during business hours: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



The Shoppe

in the basement of Shatford Hall

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

(Recess in August • Activities resume Sept. 7th)

Just a few of the many volunteers that work at The Shoppe.

Bottom right: The Shoppe is also a friendly place, as volunteers gather for Evelyn Rodriquez' birthday.

photos: Robert Camara



Summer will soon be over, alas! **Back to Church Sunday** is a friendly reminder that our activities wind back in full force in September.

If you have considered participating in activities such as our Bible Study or Wednesday gathering but were always afraid to be the “new person” around, this would be the perfect time to do so.

But more than that, **Back to Church Sunday** is there to remind us that the Church is made of individuals who joined one by one. We might not remember it, but all of us were “new” at some point. We were welcomed by a Christian community, we learned the word of God and we got the personal connection.

But what about those who were not given that opportunity? What about giving *them* the opportunity to discover – or rediscover – God? **Back to Church Sunday** is a perfect occasion to bring a relative or a friend to Church. It is an opportunity to show them who we are as a community and, most importantly, to allow them to hear the word of God.



Looking Forward

Calendar of Events

Sundays after Pentecost

- July 31th **7th Sunday after Pentecost**
Morning Prayer
 Officiant and preacher: The Rev. Robert Camara
- August 7th **8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant and preacher: The Ven. Peter D. Hannen
- August 14th **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant and preacher: The Ven. Peter D. Hannen
- Wednesday, August 17th
 4:00 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 4:30 p.m. *Corporation meeting*
- Saturday, August 20th, 2:00 p.m.
Marriage of Melinda Vanloo and Kevin Edwards (Rachael Chapman's son)
- August 21st **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
Morning Prayer
 Officiant: The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor
 Preacher: The Rev. Robert Camara
- August 28th **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant and preacher: The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor
- Sept. 4th **12th Sunday after Pentecost**
Holy Baptism and Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor
 Preacher: The Rev. Robert Camara
- Thursday, Sept. 8th
 4:00 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 4:30 p.m. *Corporation meeting*
- Sept. 11th **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant and preacher: The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor
- Wednesday, Sept. 14th, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer and Memorial Service for the late Rev. Anne Hall
 Officiant: The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor
 Preacher: The Rev. Prof. Patricia Kirkpatrick
A reception will follow in Shatford Hall
- Sept. 18th **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Morning Prayer
 Officiant: The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor
 Preacher: The Rev. Robert Camara
- Wednesday, Sept. 21st, 5:45 p.m.
Advisory Board meeting
- Sept. 25th **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist
Back to Church Sunday
 Celebrant and preacher: The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor

Regular Services

Sunday Services

- 8:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**
 9:00 a.m. **Confirmation Class**
September 11, September 25 and October 16
- 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
 11:00 a.m. **Sung Eucharist or Morning Prayer**
as indicated below

Wednesday Gathering

(Recess in August • Activities resume Sept. 7th)

- 12:15 p.m. **Bread for the Body,
 Food for the Soul**
Soup, Reflective Readings and Discussion

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Scotch Tasting Event

Wednesday Sept. 21st at 7:00 p.m.
in Shatford Hall

**For information or to reserve your tickets,
 call 514 849-7577 or speak to Martin Taylor**

Other Important Events

Sunday September 25th

- 11:00 a.m. **Back to Church Sunday**
*A light lunch will be served
 in Shatford Hall after the service*

Thursday October 13th

- 6:00 p.m. **Inaugural Blessing
 of the Writer's Chapel**
 Officiant: The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke

Sunday October 16th

- 12:30 p.m. **Potluck Lunch for Thanksgiving**
 Shatford Hall

Sunday October 23th

- 11:00 a.m. **Confirmation Service**
 Officiant: The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke

The Summer Internship Programme

Meet Geoffrey McLarney

The Diocese of Montreal has reinstated in 2011 its Summer Internship Programme, a programme that allows people who are going through their discernment process to get an "inside view" and see if indeed they are called to ordained ministry. In June and July, we have welcomed Geoffrey McLarney, a student at the University of Toronto. Here is his reflection on his ministry at St. James the Apostle.



Geoffrey McLarney, our 2011 Student Intern

On August 6, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. In the mysterious revelation of his glory, Jesus offers us a paradigm for thinking about the power of change, of transformation and transfiguration in our own lives.

As I write this, I am aware that the time I have with you is coming to a close. This is a time of endings, as well as beginnings. I will not be here, but I will have parish responsibilities and further study to return to in Toronto. Robert's continuing ministry provides both continuity and newness here as he grows in the relationship he has begun with you, in a new role. You will have a new

choir season, and new opportunities to grow in learning and fellowship. The "green" season we so unjustly call "ordinary time" is a time for extraordinary growth and change.

May you be transfigured by God's grace in all that you undertake in the coming year. The relationships I have begun at St. James the Apostle have refreshed and nourished me for the challenges to come and I extend my thanks to all of you who have stamped this ministry experience with your powerful welcome.

A transcript of the sermon he preached on the 4th Sunday after Pentecost will be available online in September. Visit stjamestheapostle.ca

And now, they are two!



This first "in action" picture was taken at the end of the Sung Eucharist on Sunday July 17th.

From now on, our new curate, the Rev. Robert Camara will team up with the Rev. Canon Linda Taylor and work on various ministries at St. James the Apostle.

Robert Camara graduates, is ordained as a Deacon and becomes our Curate

Over the last two years, we have known Robert Camara as our In-Ministry Student. He has been working in our parish, leading a few Morning Prayers, preaching and doing a lot of background work such as ministry to shut-ins, leading some of our Lenten series and Wednesday gatherings. The good news is that we will continue to see him, and he will be even more involved as he becomes our Curate.

Welcome home, Reverend Robert!



On Palm Sunday (April 17th, 2011), we celebrated Robert Camara's last Sunday as our in-ministry student. Here is, left to right, the Lay Committee that supported him during his training: Lee Greyfeather Bryant, Evelyn Rodriquez, Andrew Cook-Jolicœur, then student Robert Camara, the Rev. Canon Linda Taylor and Danica Meredith with her youngest daughter Lucy. photo: Gabriele Spina



The Convocation service was held on May 9th, at the Church of the Epiphany. Here we see the Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke handing his diploma to Robert Camara, as he completes his Master of Divinity degree. photo: Gabriele Spina



The ordination service was celebrated in a full cathedral. In the first row are Robert's presenters (L-R): Lee Greyfeather Bryant, Rev. Michael Pitts, retired Dean of the Cathedral, Dion Lewis and Rev. Canon Linda Borden Taylor.



Rhonda Waters and Robert Camara declare their vows in the presence of Bishop Barry Clarke at Christ Church Cathedral, on Ascension Sunday, June 5th.



It is now official! Rhonda Waters (left) and Robert Camara are now Deacons. The Rev. Robert Camara will be serving as Curate in our parish "at least until December 2012".



The new deacons Robert Camara and Rhonda Waters assist Bishop Barry Clarke during the Great Thanksgiving Prayer. other photos: Michel Gagnon

On the first anniversary of her death

A plaque is unveiled to honour Ivy Green



Ivy Green

July 30th, 1941–July 5th, 2010

On a hot day of July 2010, we prayed together to celebrate the life of long-time parishioner Ivy Green who had passed away after a long illness. A year later, on July 17th, we commemorated her death at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist.

Ms. Green was very involved in many ministries, including the Sanctuary Guild. The Guild honoured her by donating a plaque that is dedicated to her. The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor blessed the plaque in front of the congregation and many members of the Green family.



The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor unveils the plaque made in honour of Ivy Green, in front of many members of the Green family and current members of the Sanctuary Guild. The plaque is affixed on the column behind Canon Linda's head; symbolically, it is at the entrance of the Sanctuary and near our lectern.

The plaque reads: The renewal of this lectern is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ivy Green, faithful and long-serving member of the Sanctuary Guild.

photos: Michel Gagnon



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On Pentecost, June 12th, 2011

The Right Rev. Mark MacDonald visits St. James the Apostle

The installation of a National Indigenous Anglican Bishop in Canada is significant in many ways; the most obvious being in the way it re-thinks the relationship of Christian faith and aboriginal identity and authority. What may not be so obvious is the way it re-imagines the relationship of a community of faith with the environment.

The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald assumed office as the Anglican Church of Canada's first National Indigenous Bishop after serving about 10 years as Bishop of the U.S. Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, a diocese with a large Native constituent. But he is far from unfamiliar with Canada, having attended Wycliffe College in Toronto and served as a priest in Mississauga.

Note: Presentation text lifted from the web site of the Anglican Church of Canada: www.anglican.ca/im/bishop-biography

On June 12th, Bishop MacDonald celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. During his sermon, he not only addressed the miracle of Pentecost, but also talked about the long-lasting consequences our society's historic treatment of the Native population and the not-so-great role the Church played in the Residential School issue, amongst other issues. We have to win back the trust, and Bishop MacDonald's role is precisely to help us to do that. And for those who wonder, even in downtown Montréal, there is ministry to be done to Native people, and we also need to be ministered to, so we become part of the solution rather than part of the problem.



The Right Rev'd Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop in the Anglican Church of Canada photo: Michel Gagnon

The Rev. Canon Linda Taylor, the Right Rev. Mark MacDonald, his wife Virginia Sha Lynn and Lee Greyfeather Bryant.

photo: Andrew Cook-Jolicœur



Our On-the-Ground Garden grows nicely

The team that was involved in the feasibility study for our Rooftop Garden decided that there was enough demand from neighbouring community groups to use a garden. So, in what used to be a trashy parking spot, we now have good soil that is growing fresh vegetables that will be used by the community.



The Right Rev'd Mark MacDonald blesses our new On-the-Ground garden. Left to right are Alex Oster, Coordinator of Student Experience at Concordia University, Jun Tu 'Jerry', Rev. Canon Linda Taylor, Right Rev. Mark MacDonald, Rev. Prof. Patricia Kirkpatrick, Deborah Hinton, Dion Lewis, Graham Bradley (student in Geography and Photography) and Jess Watchorn (St. James Garden Project Coordinator, and newly minted graduate in Geography and Fine Arts).

photo: Michel Gagnon

Circle of Life

Baptism

Funeral



Jean Dupont

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Mother of Louise Dryver
and Harriet Cunynghame
Grandmother of Bart Dryver

Service to be held
Friday, July 29th, 2:00 p.m.



Daphne Alexandra Molson

daughter of Andrew Thomas Molson
and Helen Antoniou

Born June 14th, 2010

Baptised June 5th, 2011

Al Backman retires... again!

After a long career as Head-Verger at Christ Church Cathedral, Al Backman has been our Verger for the last year.

"Only part-time", he said when he took the job! Well, he put a lot of time and energy in our regular services, but was also a valuable resource for special ones such as Weddings and Funerals.

We should continue to see him in this parish, but sitting in plain clothes as any regular worshipper.

Enjoy!

Our retired Verger Al Backman poses with Rev. Canon Linda Taylor on his last day of work, July 3rd, 2011.

