

MESSAGE FROM CANON JIM

I want to thank your churchwardens, your clergy and others for their warm welcome. Churchwarden Carol Bailey provided a brief bio in the St. Peter's, Erindale eblast of August 11 and the subsequent bulletin. It can also be found on the St. Peter's website.

This past May I celebrated fifty years since my ordination as Deacon and 49th year as Priest in the Diocese of Toronto.

As mentioned in the bio, I have lived in the Erin Mills area of Mississauga for 40 years; not far at all from St. Peter's, at the corner of The Collegeway and Windjammer Rd.

Over those years I have had many conversations with St. Peter's clergy and various parishioners as we shared together in various projects and activities.

I certainly hope I can contribute to St. Peter's ongoing ministry and mission in my position as interim priest-in-charge (just over half time) while I am with you until a new Incumbent arrives.

I do hope that you will uphold in your prayers the Parish Selection Team as they go about their important work in discerning the choice of a new Incumbent, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Also, plan to participate in the upcoming Vestry meeting.

As mentioned in the Associate's Notes, we go into this fall still in the midst of the pandemic, a looming fourth wave with the Delta variant having a major impact. Needless to say, our worship and ministry activities will remain subject to public health and diocesan guidelines which, in turn, will impact our plans for in-person worship and so many other activities. It's possible that plans may be made, only to be changed. Please watch for the eblast and/or visit our website for updates.

Vaccination helps protect yourself and others around you.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Canon Jim Woolley
Interim Priest-in-Charge

P.S. I have already been asked how I would like to be addressed. I'm quite okay with Jim. Others may want to be more formal such as Canon Jim or Rev. Jim or Father Jim.



ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

I have just returned at the end of August from a wonderful vacation, grateful that my small world opened up enough for two weeks to allow me to spend some time away with relatives I have not seen in over a year and a half. I did not spend any time indoors in public places, but rather enjoyed some quiet time apart with people I love. I recognize what a privilege it was to be able to do this, and I am grateful.

I am also grateful that we will have the Rev. Canon Jim Woolley joining us on September 1st as interim priest-in-charge. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge.

It is hard to say with any certainty what the fall will hold. Vaccines give us hope, but they are not the only thing that will combat this pandemic, particularly because the vaccination rates in our own province and country are still not high enough to do so, and the vaccine remains inaccessible to most of the world's population. It is unlikely we will see the end to the pandemic until people worldwide are able to be vaccinated. With the Delta variant on the rise, we also need to continue to practice other health and safety measures such as masking and physical distancing, especially in indoor public spaces, and good hand hygiene. And just as an aside, these practices don't only help prevent covid-19 but other air-borne illnesses, such as colds and flus, as well.

Our Christian faith calls us to look beyond our individual selves to the greater good, to love and care for our neighbour as well as ourselves. So, I encourage all those who can be vaccinated, but haven't yet, to do so for the safety of the most vulnerable and for those who cannot be vaccinated at this time. And I encourage those who are fully vaccinated to show compassion and care for those who cannot be vaccinated yet by continuing to practice the other health and safety measures in public. If we all do our part, perhaps we can finally get beyond the cycle of rising numbers, overwhelmed health care systems, and lockdowns. Care for one another, and stay safe.

Rev. Maria Nightingale

PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE (PSC) UPDATE

The Parish Selection Committee (PSC) convened their first official meeting in late August where they elected Derek Patterson as committee Chair. The members also met with Bishop Kevin Robertson and the two diocesan coaches who will guide them through this important process.

Beginning in September, the PSC will be meeting every two weeks and they will be posting regular updates, in various ways, to keep the community apprised on the status of their journey. Updates will be read out in the Sunday service, posted in the bulletin, on Facebook, and will be sent out in the weekly e-blast. Please refrain from asking members of the clergy what's going on and direct your questions to the committee.

For your reference, here are the members of the PSC: Derek Patterson (Chair), Sharmini Arulanandam, Kevin Ball, Debbie Barker, Christine Baxter, Mary Frances Cappuccitti, Suyen Doan, and Allison Gray. Our Warden representatives are Carol Bailey and Gary Spence.

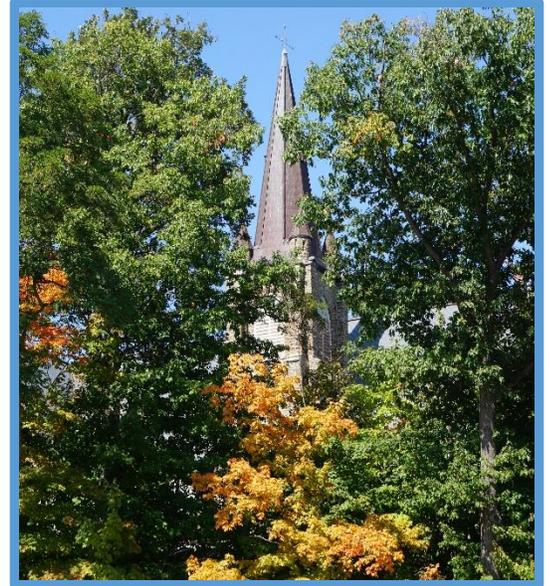
Thank you.

Mary Frances Cappuccitti

ST. PETER'S 2.0: FALL WORSHIP PLANS

“See, I am making all things new!” (Rev 21:5) Every time people in the bible want to go back to their old ways of doing things, God encourages them not to go back, but to go forward. This pandemic has given us lots of opportunities to go forward and try new ways of doing things, and having regular Sunday morning worship partially in person will be another chance to experiment and try doing things in a new way.

The clergy and wardens are planning to have some in-person Sunday morning worship beginning in mid-September. It won't be like the services we had pre-pandemic. It won't even be exactly like it was for that brief time last Fall when we had some afternoon services in addition to Zoom services. This time around we want to keep our online and in-person congregation together, so we will be offering “hybrid” services that will allow people to participate either in the church building or online on Zoom at the same time.



We are going to start with one hybrid service at 8:00am on Sunday mornings as a trial run, and continue to offer a Zoom only 10:00am. Then we will add a hybrid 10:00am service after a few weeks. We are hoping to move to three services by Thanksgiving, subject to change depending what happens with this fourth wave of covid-19 and variants. The times of the three services have yet to be decided. Why are we starting slowly and moving in stages toward three services? Well, we have a new interim priest-in-charge, and this is a new way of doing Sunday worship, so we need a bit of time to try out this new thing and see what works. We also need to have more people who are willing to be trained as tech support. As well, cleaning needs to take place between the services, and getting people in and out while following the best practices for screening, contact tracing, and distancing takes a little more time.

Our ability to offer these hybrid services, and to be able to go from two to three services will depend on people coming forward who are willing to be trained for and take on ministries such as tech support (online Zoom hosts, in-person camera and sound operators), greeting & screening, sides person (both online and in-person), and light cleaning between services (wiping down frequently touched surfaces). Please prayerfully consider offering your time for one of these ministries. We strongly encourage those who come inside the church building, particularly those who engage in any form of ministry, to be fully vaccinated. Regardless of vaccination status, however, wearing masks that cover the nose, mouth and chin, and physical distancing will be required of everyone indoors.

To keep abreast of what is happening on a weekly basis, please make sure you are signed up for our weekly parish email “This Week at St. Peter’s”. If you are not already receiving the weekly email, go to the main page of our website at www.stpeterserindale.ca and click on the button that says “Join Our Email List” (it’s right below “Donate Now”). You will be asked for your email address and first and last name. When you click on “Subscribe” a verification email will be sent to you. Follow the instructions and you’ll be all signed up!

Please join us in this grand experiment: keep an open mind and an adventurous spirit, recognize that everything can and will change, be patient with one another, and be especially patient with the clergy and everyone who shares in leadership ministries as we try this new thing.

Rev. Maria Nightingale

ATTACK OF THE GYPSY MOTHS!

I first noticed the gypsy moth larvae (caterpillars) on the cemetery trees on June 7 when Lori Dolloff called to say that the tree planted in Dennis Dolloff's memory had been completely defoliated. I had no experience with these insects, so I quickly began devouring YouTube videos to understand what could be done to stop the destruction inflicted by these pests! I learned that these moths feed on the tree canopy in the early morning and then drop to the ground once the sun warms. That makes them easy to catch, since they then return to the tree and crawl back up when hungry again. By wrapping the trees with double-sided sticky tape (which the caterpillars do not like to crawl over), we were able to "corral" them just below the tape. We then got to work removing the moths by manually flicking them into soapy water or vacuuming them up. However, though we had come up with a method of removal, the scope of the problem, 40-45 trees in the cemetery, required lots of help. When the plea for assistance went out, several parishioners came forward. And once those parishioners saw the impending destruction of our beautiful trees - some of which are well over 100 years old - they told others and eventually our "removal force" numbered 6-8 parishioners most weekdays and up to 15-20 on the weekends. In all, more than 50 different parishioners joined in and the results were a big success. All but a single tree was saved and the one that didn't survive (a lovely old oak on the northern border of the cemetery) was in poor health to begin with; it will have to be taken down in the coming months.

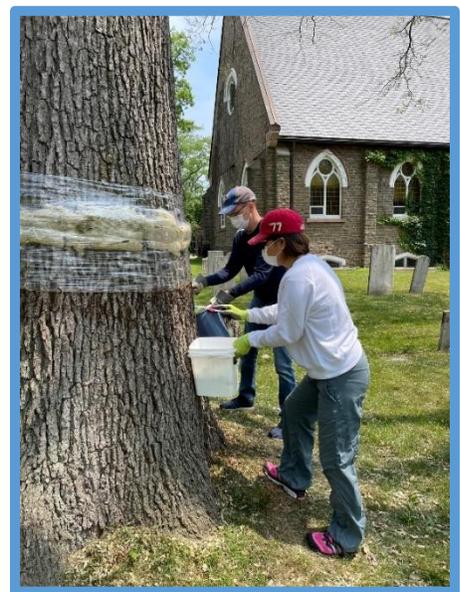


The "Gypsy Moth Brigade" ranged in age from a 7-year old Beaver in the 1st Erindale Scout Troop up to Doris Huggett who, at the age of 89, spent more hours eradicating gypsy moth caterpillars than almost any other parishioner. Well done to all and thanks for your help battling these invasive pests! The good news is that - following an in-person visit that I arranged with an arborist from the City of Mississauga Forestry Department and an appeal made to Councillor Matt Mahoney - it looks very promising that the City will include the trees of St Peter's Cemetery in the aerial spraying program next Spring!

And one final thank you goes out to Pat (Trish) Coulman, Judy Bushnell Marshall and Mary Ellen Wigle for helping me with the second stage of "moth population management". Pat told me that she heard about a professor at the University of Waterloo who was preparing lures for attracting male gypsy moths ... So, I headed to Waterloo and picked up about 30 of these bands and crafted little traps to attract the male moths.

Each of the traps managed to collect 100-150 moths per day and we had those traps set out for almost two weeks. But those numbers paled in comparison to the estimated 2-3 MILLION caterpillars that met their demise thanks to the great St Peter's team. Pics attached. Thanks folks!

Cheers,
Thom Wigle



SENIORS' TEA

Hello everyone. I hope you've been able to manage through the pandemic and have had a chance to enjoy a wonderful summer.

I would like to thank all of the parishioners who participated in the online Easter Seniors' Tea. It was very nice having the children and adults participating in the service and sharing their different stories.

Many thanks go out to Rev. Maria Nightingale for making it possible to have the service. She did a fantastic job. The support from Doris Huggett and Tony Trigiani are also greatly appreciated. Doris contributed hand-made favours for all of the Tea Party boxes that went out to the LTC and Retirement homes; and Tony provided treats and the packing boxes. In addition, on a personal note, I would like to thank Sharmini for standing in for me.

Looking forward, stay tuned for more information on our plans for our next online Tea at Thanksgiving.

In the meantime, please stay safe.

Lenna McLaughlin



RITES OF PASSAGE

Baptisms

June 28, 2021 – Thomas Samuel Southey
July 3, 2021 – Aria Mai Jardine
July 10, 2021 – Justin David Letto
July 10, 2021 – Oliver Richard McMurchy
July 10, 2021 – Noah Carter Peters-Lee

Deaths

June 8, 2021 – Norma Kathlyn Eldred
June 13, 2021 – Joan Edith Roach
June 30, 2021 – Marlene Dorothy Smith
August 7, 2021 – Elaine Gertrude Grant
August 5, 2021 – Robert Francis Phillips
August 24, 2021 – Peter George Armour

Weddings

May 21, 2021 – Jenna Holder & Nelson Mundangepfufu
August 20, 2021 – Hannah Michelle Floyd & Jason Earl Bokowski
August 21, 2021 – Kayla Melissa Hosein & Peter Playter Jolly

Clergy

Interim Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Canon James Woolley
Associate & Chaplain to Seniors: The Rev. Maria Nightingale
Honorary Assistants: The Rev. James Ferry, The Rev. Canon David Long
Deacons: The Rev. Clement Carelse, The Rev. Robert Townshend

Wardens

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Deputy Rector's Warden: Michael Davies
People's Warden: Carol Bailey
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