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St. Peter's ANGLICAN ERINDALE For all to find.

Incumbent's Note

As I write this note my desk is cluttered with all kinds of items (perhaps that is no surprise!). Some of the items on my desk include chocolate coins left over from a display at the ministry fair, a draft outline of our hymn festival which includes some of the favourite hymns of St. Peter's, stickers that say "Jesus loves me", a beautiful beaded red dress brooch given to me by a member of a Truth & Reconciliation study group, knitted white prayer shawls for the children who will be baptized in October and about 5 post-it notes with messages I messily jotted down on Sunday so that I would remember throughout the week! These items together on my desk might seem disorganized, but they are also visual reminders to me of all that has happened and is soon to happen at St. Peter's. A full desk and office are signs of a church that is full of life ...at least that is my excuse, and I am sticking with it!

In the midst of all this life and busyness I am taking a pause on Thursday (Sept 18th) for a clergy retreat. The Anglican Clergy within Mississauga, North Peel, Tecumseth have been invited by Bishop Kevin Robertson & Archdeacon Steven Mackison to come together for a day of prayer, reflection and a pause from our normal life and busyness! Sometimes these retreats are 'quiet days' meaning they are mostly silent , apart from a speaker sharing some lectures. Other retreats have a bit more activity and discussion groups. I am not sure what I have in store for myself later this week, but I personally don't mind the surprise! I don't mind the pause, the change, the quiet or the time for reflection. It's not always in my nature to be quiet, so I appreciate my Bishop and Archdeacon reminding me of it's importance for my spiritual life and my energy in daily life.

As you can see from this issue of SPAN there is so much that has gone on and will continue this Fall at St. Peter's. All of these gatherings are meaningful, exciting, and a lot of planning goes into each one. I hope you will join me in experiencing so much of what is coming up this Fall. But I also hope you will take time to pause, reflect, appreciate and to pray. That will always be the core of who we are as followers of Jesus, people who worship God and care for one another. So don't just leave the retreats and quiet days of reflection to the clergy. Take part in your own and let those moments continue to energize you, your presence in this community and your faith ...(Then we can come back to our joyfully cluttered desks!).
Yours faithfully,

- Rev. Roshni Jayawardena

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Gathering Sunday Barbeque & Ministries Fair

On September 7th, our parish family came together for a joyful Gathering Sunday Barbecue and Ministries Fair. The event was a wonderful celebration of the St. Peter's community with food, fellowship, and faith-filled opportunities.

The Scouts cheerfully served up hamburgers hot off the grill, while our friends at the Amica retirement facility generously sponsored an ice cream truck, adding a sweet treat to the day. At the same time, parishioners had the chance to explore the many ministry opportunities here at St. Peter's. From the Choir and Handbells, to Gardening, Church School, Magnificart, and so many more, the fair highlighted the incredible ways to get involved, serve, and grow in community.

It was a beautiful reminder that St. Peter's is not just a place to worship, but a vibrant community where everyone has a place to belong and share their gifts.

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200th Anniversary Gala Dinner

On September 20th, members of St. Peter's gathered in celebration of a milestone two centuries in the making: our 200th Anniversary Gala Dinner, held at the elegant Credit Valley Golf & Country Club. The evening began with a champagne reception, accompanied by delicious canapés and the smooth sounds of saxophonist Florin Clonta, setting the perfect tone for fellowship and celebration.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Gary Spence—along with his ever-entertaining alter-ego, Timmy Time-winder—guided guests through a lively program that blended history and humor. The story of St. Peter's and the Erindale community came alive through Gary's time-travel skits and a fascinating presentation by Mr. Matthew Wilkinson of Heritage Mississauga.

Guests enjoyed a beautifully prepared three-course meal, followed by a spirited round of musical bingo, which had the room buzzing with laughter and energy.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the fantastic planning committee —Debbie Barker, Shakila Jayawardena, Tom Agnew, and Rodney Jackson— whose tireless efforts made this evening so memorable. We are also deeply grateful to our generous door prize donors: Brian Edwards, Judy Hutcheson, Evan's Supply Ltd, Total Advantage Travel & Tours, Kim Lemiski, Walt Leminski, Mary Frances Cappuccitti and the Credit Valley Golf & Country Club.

The gala was more than a dinner—it was a joyful reminder of the enduring spirit of St. Peter's, past, present, and future.

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St. Peter's Erindale – Vestry Annual Report Highlights (2024–2025)

This past year has been a time of growth, renewal, and celebration at St. Peter's Erindale as we marked our 200th Anniversary. Together, we honored our heritage, strengthened our ministries, and looked with hope toward the future.

Parish Life & Worship

The parish thrived with attendance approaching to pre-pandemic levels and new families joining our community. Worship continues to flourish both in-person and online, with vibrant liturgy, music, and the addition of Director of Music, Walter Lemiski, who has already enriched our music ministry with concerts, contemplative services, and special events.

Milestones & Celebrations

The 200th Anniversary year has been filled with meaningful gatherings—from retreats, concerts, and historical displays to parish picnics, a gala celebration, and community outreach. These events not only celebrated our past but also strengthened our fellowship and connection to the wider Mississauga community.

Finances & Stewardship

Financially, the parish remained stable, with total receipted contributions rising nearly 28% to $665,429, buoyed by a generous estate gift and increased outreach giving. Over 75% of parishioners now contribute through Pre-Authorized Giving, showing commitment to sustainable support. Significant investments were also made in property maintenance, communications, and new technology to support hybrid worship.

Leadership & Governance

This year saw an important change in governance, with the warden structure expanded to include two past wardens, strengthening leadership capacity and ensuring continuity of experience in guiding parish life.

Outreach & Community Engagement

St. Peter's continued its strong tradition of service:

- The Deacon's Cupboard supported more than 6,300 individuals with food, school supplies, and winter coats.
- The Community Outreach Committee advanced social justice initiatives, including support for safe injection sites and participation in Pride.
- Parish groups such as the ACW, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Card Ministry fostered care and compassion across the congregation.

Looking Forward

As we embrace the Diocese's "Cast the Net" Calls to Action, the parish is discerning future ministry priorities while also addressing ongoing needs such as property care and volunteer recruitment. With gratitude for the dedication of clergy, wardens, staff, and volunteers, the community remains deeply committed to serving God together, acting with compassion, and proclaiming hope.

Make sure you check out the full annual report under '*Resources, Vestry Documents*' on the St. Peter's website

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Welcome to our New Deputy Wardens

Gary Spence

Gary and his fiancée, Lisa, attended St. Peter's together for the first time in 1991. They approached then Rector Stephen Booth and asked if they could be married at St. Peter's. They were married in 1992 and by 1993 Stephen had tapped them on the shoulder to become Sidespeople. Since then, Gary has held a variety of leadership roles at St. Peter's, beginning with the Stewardship Committee, then Warden, Chair of Advisory Board, Chair of Sidespersons, and now 25 years later is about to be Warden again. Gary served on the 175th Anniversary Committee, the Nomination Committee for several years, drives the "Magnificart" once a month, and even installed the church telephone system with his brother. Gary likes an audience and has acted as MC at a pop-up wedding on a Sunday morning, as well as at music and social events including the 200th Anniversary Gala. He is most proud of his work on two successive Parish Selection Committees, both of which resulted in amazing appointments to the Parish. (Jennifer Reid in 2001 and Roshni Jayawardena in 2023)

Amy Colson

Amy Colson has been attending St. Peter's since the mid 1990s after she moved to Mississauga. At the time she was working in the History department of the Mississauga Central Library and noticed the library had records from St. Peter's Erindale . She decided our parish would be a good place to start to find a church and has felt at home ever since – especially in the choir.

She had previously sung in the choirs at Epiphany and St. Mark in Parkdale, Toronto, and has been singing in St. Peter's choir since 2001, including the two tours to England. Amy was confirmed at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Here at St. Peter's she is a Reader (and was a frequent responder during COVID).

After her retirement from the library last year, Amy has been active on our Advisory Board; counting money; attending ACW; helped with coat drive, bake sale, and photo directory; and this summer started helping with the garden and museum. Amy hopes her time and talents may make her a useful Warden to St. Peter's.

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We Remember the Children Taken, the Parents Left Behind.

St. Peter's marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day, with a memorial for the survivors and those who never returned. Families had the opportunity to post orange hearts on a Poster of the Survivors' Flag. For those unfamiliar with this symbol of Remembrance, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation provides this background on the Survivor's Flag.

During summer 2021, discoveries of massive, unmarked graves found on the grounds of former residential schools sparked heartfelt responses of mourning throughout Canada and from across the globe. As members of the public inquired about how they could show respect, many Survivors discussed remembrance and the creation of a Survivors flag as a salient and accessible symbol to honour the lives impacted by the residential school system.

"The Survivors' Flag is an expression of remembrance, meant to honour residential school Survivors and all the lives and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada. Each element depicted on the flag was carefully selected by Survivors from across Canada, who were consulted in the flag's creation."

-The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation: "The Survivors' Flag"

We honour the Truth even as we Reconcile for the future as we remember that All Children Matter.

- Lori Dolloff, Chair of the TRC Study Group

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St. Peter's Hymn Festival

The planning for St. Peter's first Hymn Festival is in high gear. Thank you for the many, many dozens of parishioners who submitted their hymn surveys! The survey had a list of 32 choices with room for your own additions. It must be said that you really got into the spirit of the survey ... we had no fewer than 97 additional hymns suggested for the Hymn Festival! So many great choices!

The Hymn Festival will be held on **Sunday, November 16th at 4 pm.** You'll want to get there at least 15 minutes early so you can hear Preludes on the organ, on trumpet, and by the Hand Bell Choir! We have gathered every available organist in the house to play for this event: Tom Agnew, Lori-Ann Dolloff, Walt Lemiski and Mark Matterson. Additionally, if you missed hearing Mark on the clarinet at a service this past summer you will have another chance to hear his dulcet tones. Also joining us will be long-time friend of St. Peter's, Jill Fleming on trumpet to help those descants really soar!

Be sure to be ready to sing your hearts out as there will be parts for the choir, for all the men, for all the ladies, and parts just for the congregation! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

- Walt Lemiski

Interested in Leaving a Lasting Memorial at St. Peter's?

You may have noticed that there are 6 new trees in the cemetery and front garden as well as four new wooden benches (made from the majestic oaks that had to be taken down this past winter). And another 4 benches will be delivered to the cemetery soon.
To mark the bicentennial, we are offering parishioners the opportunity to sponsor a tree or bench as a memorial or dedication to friends, family or loved ones.

Sponsorship of a tree will cost $750 and a bench will cost $1,000 which includes a plaque with the name of the person(s) being dedicated. 4 benches and three trees have already been spoken for. For additional information, please contact Thom Wigle thom.wigle@stpeterserindale.ca or Dave Allen dave.allen@stpeterserindale.ca

Bake Sale Committee Volunteers Needed

Don't forget to save a few jars of your summer jams and pickles, and prep your cookie cutters and rolling pins for this year's Bake Sale! Keep **November 20th** open on your calendar to swing by the church and pick up some delicious goodies!

The Bake Sale Committee is looking for volunteers to plan the sale and related events. Reach out to Nora Langan at 416-995-4951 if interested!

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Cemetery Tours at St. Peter's Erindale with Haunted Mississauga

The Haunted Mississauga experience is not your average Halloween outing—it will be an immersive journey into the darker corners of our Erindale's past. Guided by lantern light, you will move through atmospheric scenes in St. Peter's cemetery as history and mystery intertwine. Local actors and storytellers will breathe life into tales drawn from Mississauga's heritage, weaving together fact, folklore, and just enough fun fright to keep you looking over your shoulder.

Before and after your cemetery tour, come inside St. Peter's for cider, treats and a cinematic showcase of movies and television shows filmed at St. Peter's. Doors open at 6:45 pm.
This event is SOLD OUT TO THE PUBLIC. A special block of tickets has been added for St. Peter's parishioners. Check the weekly email blast for ticket details. BOOK NOW! Space is limited.

An Evening of True Crime & History: Author's Night at St. Peter's

On Friday, November 14th, St. Peter's will transform into a gathering place for history lovers, crime enthusiasts, and curious minds as we host a special Author's Night! Join us for an evening of wine, cheese, and conversation with acclaimed local authors Bryan Ho and Nicole Mair, the brilliant minds behind *Mississauga Confidential*. Their book uncovers the darker side of our city's past, bringing forward stories of true crime that are as captivating as they are chilling.

What to Expect

Guests will enjoy an intimate evening filled with:

- Engaging stories: Bryan and Nicole will share details from Mississauga Confidential, shining light on true crime cases pulled from our community's own history.
- Behind-the-scenes insights: Learn what inspired the authors, how they uncovered hidden stories, and what it was like to bring these forgotten moments back into focus.
- Refreshments: Mingle with fellow guests in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Why Attend?

This is more than a book talk—it's an exploration of Mississauga's past through a lens rarely seen. With its blend of history, intrigue, and true crime storytelling, the evening promises to be both thought-provoking and unforgettable.

This event is also in support of the Deacon's Cupboard Food Bank. Guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or make a goodwill donation to help support those in need within our community.

Step into Mississauga's past. Discover the secrets within *Mississauga Confidential*. And be part of a night where history, community, and storytelling come alive.

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Autumn Events Calendar

September 28th - 10 am
Service with the Bishop & Reception

October 5
Return to 3 Services

October 5 - 9:15am
Blessing of the Animals

October 6th - 6:00pm
Men's Dinner

October 7th - 7:30pm on Zoom
Bible Study Resumes

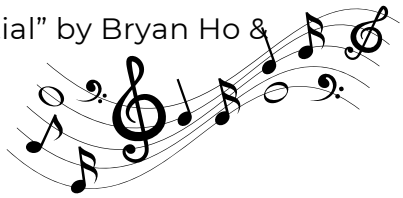
October 24th - Tickets Required
Haunted Mississauga Cemetery Tours

November 1st - 7:30pm
Handbell Concert at
Eden United Church
Joined by other local choirs

November 2nd - 4pm
All Souls Service

November 9th
Remembrance Sunday

November 14th - 7pm
Author Talk & Reception
"Mississauga Confidential" by Bryan Ho & Nicole Mair



November 16th - 4pm
Hymn Festival

November 18th - 7pm
Inaugural Service Anniversary & Reception

November 22nd - 12-4 pm
Christmas Bake Sale

November 23rd
Guest Clergy -
Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid

November 30 - 4pm
Advent Kick-off Celebration

More events and volunteer opportunities to be announced!
For full event details and times see our website or the church bulletin.

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Rites of Passage

Deaths

May 22, 2025
Kathleen Elaine Meisner

Weddings

June 21, 2025
Kristin Alicia Johnson &
Yaswanth Teja Manabotula

June 28, 2025
Jennifer Elizabeth Utarid &
George Pangratis

July 5, 2025
Angela Heather Griffith &
Mateusz Sak

Clergy

Incumbent
The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena

Honorary Assistant
The Rev. Canon James Ferry

Deacon
The Rev. Robert Townshend

Wardens

Rector's Warden:
Dave Allen
Mentoring Rector's Warden:
Sarah Mikolich
Deputy Rector's Warden:
Amy Colson
People's Warden:
Frank Hough
Mentoring People's Warden:
Natasha Bond
Deputy People's Warden:
Gary Spence

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