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Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Parking

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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Tour With Barry Today

Would you like to learn more about the significance of our windows, flags, plaques and more? Stay after the service today, **October 23 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**, for a tour of our building with our Rector (Senior Minister) the Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker. Meet at the Font (the stone sculpture at the back of the Sanctuary).

St. Paul's Organ Recitals

Join us for our fall 2016 series of organ recitals. These free one-hour concerts will provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God.

October 30 at 3 p.m. - Gerald Loo

November 27 at 3 p.m. - Thomas Gonder

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Tom Bell, Music Director, at ext. 233 or music@stpaulsbloor.org.



Sponsor Family Luncheon

We are hosting a luncheon to meet and get to know our sponsor family. This will be an opportunity to hear their story and share a meal with them.

Sunday, October 30 at 12:15 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Lunch will be available for \$5.

Operation Christmas Child

By Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest

For many, filling an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox is a November tradition. Over the years, 135 million of these boxes have been distributed worldwide through the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Partnering with local church pastors, the special boxes are given to children who may otherwise not receive toys or gifts. Each box is an expression of love.



We encourage individuals, families or small groups to fill boxes. Shopping together with young ones can be a good way to teach children about the reality of poverty and to encourage global compassion. As Advent approaches, St. Paul's will be offering some other practical ways you can participate in both local community support and international development through our annual Advent Ask.

As with all our outreach ministries, we are in a season of discernment as we actively investigate the most effective ways of serving those on the margins both in Toronto and overseas. We seek to be a church that reaches out into the gaps with God's love in tangible ways. With that in mind, we are continuing to learn about best practices and looking for partnership models that are strong and sustainable.

To participate in Operation Christmas Child, collect a shoebox and a pamphlet from the St. Paul's Atrium. Decide whether you are packing for a boy or a girl, then pick the age, between two and fourteen, of the child you'd like to have receive the box. Next, fill the box with new toys, school supplies and hygiene items for that child. Suggested items include T-shirts, books, crayons, soap, balloons and chalk. No food, liquid, breakables or items that might scare a child are permitted. Once the box is filled, enclose \$7 for shipping and bring the box back to St. Paul's by November 13. We will make sure the boxes are delivered to Samaritan's Purse, where they are checked, sorted and shipped around the world.

We are grateful to Operation Christmas Child for providing us a way to share Christ's love around the world so faithfully for so long. Do check out the shoebox display in the Atrium next to St. Paul's Central today.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)



But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. (1 Samuel 12:24)



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)



Communion Administrants

Communion Administrants assist every week by serving the communion wine. There will be a training session for those interested in learning more about this serving opportunity on **Sunday, October 30** from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meet at the chancel steps at the front of the church.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org.

Cornerstone Dinner

Volunteer to serve at the next Cornerstone Dinner on **Saturday, October 29**. Volunteers are needed to help with serving and clean-up from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry can only happen with the support of a big team of volunteers. Our fantastic team of people help once a month telling Bible stories, serving snacks and having fun getting to know our children. You don't have to be a Bible scholar or a trained teacher – simply a willing volunteer.

If you are interested, contact Janet Earle, Children's Minister, at ext. 241 or children@stpaulsbloor.org.

Sidespeople/Greeters

Every Sunday our Sidespeople work behind the scenes to make the service run smoothly. Sidespeople greet people, hand out bulletins, usher, collect the offering and assist at communion. This is an easy way to get involved at St. Paul's and contribute to the worship service.

If you would like to serve in this way, contact the office at mail@stpaulsbloor.org or 416-961-8116.



Looking for Opportunities to Serve?

For more serving opportunities visit stpaulsbloor.org/serve-st-pauls

Rector's Update



By Barry Parker, Rector

At St. Paul's last Sunday, we celebrated our 174th Vestry or Annual General Meeting. I know that I am tiresome in repeating this fact. However, in our transient, disposable and quite frankly, lonely world—to know that a faith community has pushed on together for all of these consecutive years is an incredible statement of faith!

St. Paul's has experienced a lot of churn over the years—both in the Church and certainly in the world. Over these 17 decades of existence, we could name historic events that have significantly affected the members of this congregation. Yet, somehow this Church prevails.

It begs the question. How does a seemingly monolithic, historic church like St. Paul's not simply survive but in fact move forward with a sense of purpose and optimism?

As I survey our past, our present and pray into God's future—there is, I believe, a seemingly simple yet quite profound reason. St. Paul's Bloor Street is a dynamic church because we have a commitment to **unity in Gospel Ministry**. This means that Jesus Christ is at the very heart of what we are about. Yes, there is wonderful worship, vital caring through outreach and pastoral ministries, Christian introduction and formation experiences abound. But through it all this congregation believes that Jesus Christ Himself is the centre.

This Gospel unity is so much more than just getting along. It is being united *in* Christ. As Anglican Christians we will not always agree with each other but we will be aligned in seeking the best for the other, in other words biblical, Christ-like love for each other and for this broken world.

The churn I mentioned earlier affects all of us. Change can be unsettling and challenging. I thank you for holding steadfast to our ministry at St. Paul's during these times. True to form, I have two new staffing changes to announce.

First, **Sean Davidson** has been our Pastor of Discipleship for over three years. In that time Sean has led both our discipleship learning opportunities and small group ministries. He is also a Postulant for Ordination for the Diocese of Toronto. What that means is that he is involved in the two-year preparatory program mandated by the Diocese before his Ordination as a Deacon next May and the beginning of the next phase of ministry—called a Curacy. To make a very long story short, Sean has an opportunity to get a positive jump on that process so he will be formally leaving the Ministry Team here at St. Paul's and beginning a new ministry role as the Pastoral Associate at the Church of the Resurrection ("The Rez") on November 1st. Sean will still participate here in coordinating the Alpha experience and Pilgrim program until next April.



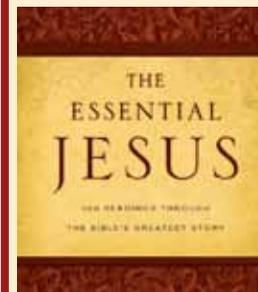
I am also happy to announce that **Ian Koiter** has started as our new Youth & Young Adult Pastor. You might recognize Ian as he has been actively involved in both Youth Ministry and music leadership at the Bridge.



Finally, I thank God for the people of St. Paul's Bloor Street. For the incredible leaders we have in our Trustees who practise oversight of all of our ministries, our Ministry Team who minister in such diverse and challenging times with steadfast faithfulness, our Support Ministries who quietly ensure our facilities and ministries are supported in countless ways, our many members who serve in a huge number of capacities, and you—all the people of God who call St. Paul's home—I thank you for your faithfulness and willingness to follow Jesus together.

The last word to St. Paul: *Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or imagine. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.* (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Engaging God's Story



At St. Paul's we have the incredible privilege of hearing the Scriptures Sunday by Sunday. We also place high value on our own personal engagement of the Bible. While supplies last, copies of the reading plan, *The Essential Jesus*, will be available at St. Paul's Central. This is a collection of readings to help you engage the person of Jesus Christ as the centre and focus of the Bible. If you don't have a Bible, a few copies will be available for a nominal cost.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, October 23

Stepping Into Faith - 9:15 a.m. | *Room 106*
Newcomer's Tour - 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. | *The Font*
Pilgrim: Turning to Christ - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |
Room 106

Monday, October 24

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*
ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, October 25

Winchester Group - 10:00 a.m. | *Library*
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*
Divorce Care - 7 p.m. | *Library*
Prayer Time - 7 p.m. | *Room 7*

Wednesday, October 26

Wednesdays With God - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*
Dealing With Depression - 7 p.m. | *Library*
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, October 27

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:20 a.m. | *Music Room*
Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *Room 212*
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*
Marriage Preparation - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Saturday, October 29

Drop-In Sports - 10:30 a.m. | *Gym*

Sunday, October 30

Stepping Into Faith - 9:15 a.m. | *Room 106*
Pilgrim: Turning to Christ - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |
Room 106
Sponsor Family Luncheon - 12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*
Organ Recital - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Every Sunday

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*
9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*
11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Nursery

beginning at 9:15 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Children's Ministry

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Youth Group

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *Youth Room*

Prayer Groups

10:20 a.m. | *Room 7*
10:50 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Community Lunch

12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Community Lunch



Teriyaki Chicken Stirfry
with Jasmine Rice- \$5

Drop-In Sports

Drop-In Sports is for ages 16 and over at any skill level. It runs next on **Saturday, October 29** from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** For more information contact David Veitch at **daveveitch@gmail.com**.

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

John 14:25-31