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#### Office Hours

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

#### Sanctuary Hours

Sundays: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### 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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## It's not too late to register



### Money Course

**Starts January 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

The Money Course teaches budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system. The course is free and designed for everyone. To find out more or to register online, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/money-course](http://stpaulsbloor.org/money-course).



### Marriage Course

**Starts January 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Over seven weeks, the Marriage Course gives married couples or those preparing for marriage the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. To learn more or to register, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/marriage-course](http://stpaulsbloor.org/marriage-course).

## Structure Matters



On October 25, 2006, the Nehemiah Project was formally opened and blessed by the congregation of St. Paul's Bloor Street. The Nehemiah Project was our multi-million dollar, massive renovation project that rebuilt an incredible ministry container that is an integrated blend of old and new. We named it Nehemiah, after an Old Testament book where what appears to be simply the re-building of the walls of Jerusalem, is in fact, the renovation and re-building of God's people.

What intrigues me most is not only the function and beauty of our space, as incredible as it is, but also what lies behind it. It took over seven years of renovating, including design, engineering, complex construction and monumental decisions to realize the vision of a renewed location of ministry and mission.

Our ministry at St. Paul's is also undergoing a renovation of sorts. St. Paul's has had the same staffing when our attendance on a Sunday was averaging 500 persons to over 700 today. We believe it will be 1,000 on a Sunday in the not too distant future. To properly engage our growing church for effective ministry, internal 'renovation' was required.

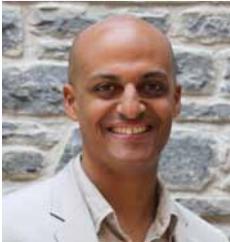
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As of January 1, a staffing re-organization is unfolding at St. Paul's Bloor Street to build on our vision "*by the power and grace of Jesus Christ, we seek to be a transformative community for the city*". Grounded in the St. Paul's Discipleship Covenant, we live out our ministry mission to be "*equipping Disciples to make Disciples*."

To do this as effectively as possible, we have developed four strategic pathways to accomplish our Vision and Mission.



**Worship:** Sandra Seaborn is coordinating all facets of our worship life together, from music to prayers, to volunteer coordination.



**Discipleship:** Mark Regis is coordinating this vital aspect of our faith formation, working with Small Group Ministry, as well as Children's, Youth and Young Adult Ministries.



**Ministry Operations:** Joyce Badley leads the operational side of St. Paul's which includes such elements as events, facility use and care, administration and finance.

**Witness:** Currently we are seeking a gifted person who will lead our evangelism process, including Alpha, and outreach ministries such as Cornerstone and ESL Café. Other members of the Ministry Team are assuming responsibility in the interim.

We are in an exciting season of ministry here at St. Paul's Bloor Street. Our deep desire is to love God and love our neighbour in the name of Jesus Christ. We seek nothing more. We certainly seek nothing less.

Every blessing to you the people of St. Paul's as we experience what God is doing in this next season of ministry.



## Pancake Supper

On **Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m.**, join us for our annual Pancake Supper. It is an evening to invite family, friends and neighbours to share a meal and prepare for Lent. Come enjoy a delicious meal of eggs, bacon, pancakes, syrup and fruit. Gluten-free pancakes will also be available.

There will be children's activities, music played by our youth, and friendly company for all who come. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. If you have any questions, contact Janet Earle at [children@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:children@stpaulsbloor.org).



## Ash Wednesday

On **Wednesday, February 14**, join us at **8 a.m., 12 p.m. or 7 p.m.** for our Ash Wednesday service.

All are welcome to join us for this reflective and ancient service which heralds the 40 day season of Lent. This is a time for personal examination and repentance as we prepare to observe the death and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Ashes are an ancient biblical sign of repentance and will be put on people's foreheads at these services.

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## Coldest Night Walk 2018 - February 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we walk to raise funds for Yonge Street Mission, a nearby organization that serves the hungry, homeless, and hurting.



Register: [stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk](http://stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk)

## Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale Results



We are delighted to report the results of the December 17 Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale. It was once again a big success, thanks to the support and generosity of the St. Paul's community. The bake sale raised over \$1,800 - a record amount! Proceeds have been donated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

The Winchester Group also sold knitted goods and raised \$950 towards the cost of an ongoing water supply project for the Pikangikum First Nations.

We would like to thank all those parishioners who contributed food and other items, those who assisted in organizing and selling the products, as well as those who bought the bake and knitted goods offered. Very few items were left at the end of the day! It was an excellent example of the generosity and support of the St. Paul's community.

### Winchester Group

The Winchester Group is an organization of St. Paul's parishioners who meets every Tuesday, September to June, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Library. This ministry mainly serves Moorelands Community Services by sewing flannelette receiving blankets and bibs. In recent years, an added initiative has been to provide knitted toques, mittens, scarves, and small blankets for the people of Pikangikum First Nations.

The Winchester Group welcomes new members at any time. Come for fun and fellowship, as well as for sewing or knitting. No particular skill required. Bring a bag lunch; tea and coffee are provided. For further information please speak to anyone in the group or contact Shelley Tidy at [shelley.tidy@rogers.com](mailto:shelley.tidy@rogers.com), or leave a message at the office.

## This week we are praying for...

### World and National Issues

- Divided nations and peoples, may God give them wisdom to repair the brokenness in their communities.
- Wisdom to be granted to all leaders, and especially our governments as they decide how to respond to the crises faced every day.
- The progress made in people's health made possible by wisdom, technology and creativity.
- All people who are tortured, held prisoners for having a living faith.

### The Global Church

- Unity amid diversity, so we will love those with whom we have nothing in common but the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
- All leaders to be above reproach, kept from temptation, complacency, idols, and worldliness.
- All followers of Christ to grow in the faith and walk humbly, with our Lord and God.
- Everyone gathered today to worship in the Anglican Diocese of Calgary in southern Alberta.

### In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Rob, Samuel, Peter, Jan, Devin, Elizabeth, Suzanne, Gwen, Diane and Jim. We pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

#### **The Flowers Today**

The flowers in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

At the High Table:

In memory of the Pitfield Family  
given by Beryl Pitfield

In the Chapels:

In memory of Bob Dann and Harold  
Nelson given by Rev. Nola Crewe  
and family.

# Share the air



Some people who attend St. Paul's experience respiratory distress and headaches because of scented products. We ask for your cooperation as we seek to accommodate their health concerns. Please avoid use of scented products like perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to St. Paul's.

## What's Happening This Week

### Sunday, January 28

Pilgrim: The Eucharist - 12: 15 p.m. | *Room 106*  
Chancel Guild General Meeting  
- 12:45 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

### Monday, January 29

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

### Tuesday, January 30

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*  
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*  
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*  
DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*  
Money Course - 7 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

### Wednesday, January 31

Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*  
Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Dalton Room*  
Lunchtime Alpha - 12 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*  
Prayer Time for Alpha - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*  
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*  
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*  
Marriage Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

### Thursday, February 1

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. | *Music Room*  
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

### Friday, February 2

Music for Health - 10 a.m. | *Gym*

### Sunday, February 4

Pilgrim: The Eucharist - 12: 15 p.m. | *Room 106*

## Every Sunday

### Worship Services

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

### Prayer Ministry

10:20 a.m. & 12 p.m.  
*St. Paul's Chapel*

### 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*  
*\$8 per person*

## Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Jeremiah 29:1-11  
Topic: City Living



## Have you checked our Lost and Found?

If you have lost or misplaced a personal belonging in the past few months, please stop by our Lost and Found at the north-east corner of the Sanctuary, **before this Friday, February 2**. After February 2, we will donate anything left in our Lost and Found to charity.