



We are God's People  
on God's Mission!



# What's Happening

September 2020



**We envision a church made alive, a city made new, and a people made whole.**

Welcome to St. Paul's Bloor Street! During the physical distancing of COVID-19, we have created a dynamic church experience for you.

Starting September 13, we will be reopening for onsite worship service while, continuing to host our worship service and other ministries online! There are many and different opportunities to be a part of St. Paul's during this time.

Let's continue to worship God together as a community during these times!



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## Sunday Services

- Children's Ministry (4-10 years old)** • 9:30 am online • [stpaulsbloor.org/children](http://stpaulsbloor.org/children)
- Onsite Worship Service** • 10 am starting September 13 • see page 4 for details
- Online Worship Service** • 10:30 am online • [stpaulsbloor.org/watch-online](http://stpaulsbloor.org/watch-online)
- Getting Traction** • 11:10 am • A sermon debrief and Bible discussion after our online worship service from 11:10 am – 11:45 am. Find the Zoom link to join in the video description on Facebook or YouTube.
- Youth Ministry (11-17 years old)** • 11:30 am online • [stpaulsbloor.org/youth](http://stpaulsbloor.org/youth)

# Our Weekly Ministries

## Wednesday Wonderings

Wednesday Wonderings are weekly messages for parents and their children to pause and pray based on what they learned in Children's Ministry the previous Sunday. For more information, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/children](https://stpaulsbloor.org/children) or join our Facebook group, Parents - St. Paul's Bloor Street.

## Compline

Join Karen Isaacs **Wednesdays at 7 pm** for a Compline service. The ancient service of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning "completion." It is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Tune in Wednesdays at 7 pm on YouTube at [youtube.com/stpaulsbloor](https://youtube.com/stpaulsbloor).

## Youth Ministry (11-17 years old)

All youth are welcome to join us weekly on **Wednesdays at 7 pm** (as well as **Sundays at 11:30 am**) for Youth Ministry. For more information and to join the Zoom, contact Ian Koiter at [ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org).

## Midday Bible Study

Join us weekly on Zoom, **Monday to Thursday at noon for 30-45 minutes** for a midday Bible study. It's a perfect way to help you devote more time in scripture. For more information, contact Ian Koiter at [ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org).

## Connect Groups

Connect Groups offer a welcoming, intimate environment where you can pray, laugh, worship, serve and explore the Christian faith. Connect Groups continue to meet online throughout the week using various online platforms. Get started by visiting [stpaulsbloor.org/connectgroups](https://stpaulsbloor.org/connectgroups).

# Update for Return to Worship



Dear Friends,

**We are excited to announce our preparations to return to St. Paul's for onsite worship, starting September 13, 2020.** While our onsite service will look very different from what we have been used to (please see the instructions below for the new reality of our onsite gatherings), underneath our masks, we are so happy to begin this re-gathering and that we'll be able to see some of you—as you are comfortable—in person!

Of course, we will continue to gather for online worship every Sunday at 10:30 am for those not attending in person.

Please note our return to worship does not mean the church building will be open. Parishioners are still asked to schedule a time to meet with the Clergy for pastoral meetings, and groups will not yet be able to meet in the building. **While we understand it will be difficult for many, unfortunately we are not able to offer Children's Ministry or Youth Ministry at this time.** We intend to do so as soon as it is safe and effective, and the Diocese of Toronto allows it. In the meantime, Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry will continue to meet over Zoom. Community engagement activities will continue in their adjusted formats.

Please know there is no pressure for anyone to return to “in person” worship. If you are anxious and do not feel the time is right, or you have concerns because you feel it might put you or a family member at risk, please continue to watch the service online at home and return at a time when you are most comfortable. **In fact, if you are considered “high risk” should you contract COVID-19 – those 65 and older, or anyone with underlying medical conditions – we encourage you to remain at home and enjoy the service online.**

If you have any questions, or if we can assist you in making this transition more comfortable, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. You can call **416-961-8116** or email us at **mail@stpaulsbloor.org** and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We ask that you pray for our safe return and for one another as we continue to navigate these ever-changing times.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Canon Dr.) Barry Parker  
Rector

## General Worship Information



**We will begin on September 13 with one service at 10:00 am**, lasting approximately 45 minutes. We will also offer our online worship service on YouTube every Sunday at 10:30 am.

There will be **limited seating** in the Great Hall to allow for proper physical distancing. The main Sanctuary is not available this Fall due to the renovation and rewiring of the Sight & Sound Project.

**Face coverings are required for all persons over the age of two, as per the Toronto Public Health guidelines.** We encourage you to bring your own, though if you don't have access to a mask, one will be provided for you to enter St. Paul's. A donation to cover the cost of the mask is appreciated.

While we understand it will be difficult for many, unfortunately we are not able to offer Children's Ministry or Youth Ministry at this time. We intend to do so as soon as it is safe and effective. In the meantime, our Children and Youth ministries will continue to meet online over Zoom on Sunday mornings.

With the exception of the Atrium, the Foyer and the Great Hall, **the rest of our facility will be closed during the service.** There will be limited access to washroom facilities as we will only be opening the one accessible washroom in the foyer, that will be monitored and cleaned after each use.

## Before Coming to Church

Registration will be required for services to comply with capacity limits and for contact tracing purposes. **Next Wednesday, September 10 we will send out an email with an EventBrite link where you will be able register to attend our onsite service.**

You will be required to answer self-screening questions for COVID-19 during EventBrite registration, and you will be also be asked screening questions upon arrival to the church. **If you are experiencing any symptoms related to cold, flu, or COVID-19, we ask that you stay home and watch our online service.**

Do you have the YouVersion Bible App? We're rolling out a **new** way for you to take notes, reflect on weekly sermon questions, view announcements, and explore a RightNow Media devotional that accompanies the weekly message! Starting September 13, you'll be able to find us in the YouVersion Bible app by searching "St. Paul's Bloor Street" under the Events tab. **Be sure to download the YouVersion Bible app on your Android or Apple device before the service.**

## Arriving at Church

In order to attend the onsite service, **you must register online** through our EventBrite link and you must wear a mask. Once you arrive, you will enter through the Atrium doors. You will notice the floor decals that demarcate physical distancing from the front doors to the Great Hall. Please utilize those. You will need to use hand sanitizer when you arrive, answer the COVID-19 screening questions and register for requisite contact tracing.

Next, you will have the opportunity to leave your offering in the office mailbox, as you are able, prior to entering the Great Hall. We also encourage you to continue to use our quick, secure and easy digital giving options such as online giving or pre-authorized giving.

There will be no paper or a bulletin as everything will be contactless (i.e. projected on a screen). Whether you attend the onsite or online service, you can use our Event in the YouVersion Bible app to take notes during the sermon, read our weekly news and announcements, and find links to a RightNow Media devotional and online giving.

Finally, you will be escorted to a seat in the Great Hall. Only staff will be moving chairs in the Great Hall. If noted in the registration, family members in the same household will be able to sit together. Please minimize any belongings you bring with you as you will need to keep them with you at your seat. Coat racks will not be available.

## During the Service

**You must remain masked and at your seat for the entire service.**

Congregational singing is suspended for the time being, however, recorded music will be provided by our musicians.

You are invited to greet one another from your seats through peace signs, waves and bowing. You are not encouraged to have any physical contact.

During the sermon, you can refer to the Scripture reading and take notes in our Event within the YouVersion Bible App or your mobile browser.

During communion, the Celebrant will bring the wafer to you. **You are asked to remain in your seat when waiting for communion.** Following the directions of the Bishops of Toronto, there will only be Communion in one kind—the bread. There will be no communion wine.

After receiving the bread, while still seated, remove your mask, consume the host, and replace your mask. You will receive hand sanitizer after you eat the bread.

## After the Service

There will be no coffee hour or gathering time. Unfortunately, **we will not be able to socialize with one another after the service.** The Clergy will direct the exit by rows from the Great Hall. Please exit the facility promptly as directed. After the building is empty, our custodial staff will clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and common areas including door handles, seats, light switches, faucets, toilet handles, etc.

## Next Steps

1. View our staged plan for reopening.
2. **Stay tuned** for our Community News email next Wednesday for the EventBrite link where you can register for our September 13 onsite worship service.
3. **Download** the YouVersion Bible App for your Android or your Apple device.
4. **Worship online** with us this Sunday, September 6 at 10:30 am on YouTube.

## Stages for Reopening

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
No Gatherings			
Staff Return		10 - 50 Gatherings (Fall 2020)	
Full Opening (2021)			
<p><b>Ministries</b> (hire Online Ministry positions)</p> <p><u>Online Ministry</u> (full implementation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday services</li> <li>• Compline</li> <li>• Alpha</li> <li>• Griefshare &amp; DivorceCare</li> </ul> <p><u>Pastoral Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer Ministry (offsite)</li> <li>• care@stpaulsbloor.org</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ministries</b></p> <p><u>Liturgy for In Person Worship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• evaluation &amp; creation</li> </ul> <p><u>Children's Ministry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• evaluation</li> </ul> <p><u>Youth Ministry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• evaluation</li> </ul> <p><u>No Weekly Inperson Groups at SPBS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ministries meet online                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* i.e. Alpha</li> <li>* i.e. Health Ministries</li> <li>* i.e. Connect Groups</li> <li>* i.e. Prayer ministries</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>No Evening Meetings or Events</u></p>	<p><b>Ministries</b></p> <p><u>In Person Worship Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited gatherings</li> </ul> <p><u>Children's Ministry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• impementation?</li> </ul> <p><u>Youth Ministry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• impementation?</li> </ul> <p><u>Weekly Groups Gather In Person</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social distancing measures enacted                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* i.e. Winchester Group</li> <li>* i.e. Connect Groups</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>No Evening Meetings or Events</u></p>	<p><b>Ministries</b></p> <p><u>Full Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Coffee/Cookie" social to be evaluated</li> <li>• Volunteer coordination required</li> </ul> <p><u>Limited Evening Ministries</u> (capped at 50)</p>
<b>Sight &amp; Sound Project</b>			
<p><b>Operations</b> (reduced Ops staff)</p> <p><u>Property</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance &amp; clean-up</li> </ul> <p><u>Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter Meals</li> <li>• No external events</li> <li>• Rev's Kitchen marketing plan</li> </ul> <p><u>Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit</li> </ul> <p><b>Facility Hours</b> Sunday - Friday: 8 am - 5pm</p>	<p><b>Operations</b></p> <p><u>Property</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full maintenance implemented</li> <li>• Full cleaning protocols established &amp; implemented</li> </ul> <p><u>Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter Meals ongoing</li> <li>• No Cym rentals</li> <li>• No evening rentals</li> <li>• Notification to clients of Rev's Kitchen</li> </ul> <p><u>Administration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full onsite staff</li> <li>• Implement flex schedule &amp; office hours</li> </ul> <p><b>Facility Hours</b> Sunday - Friday: 7:30 am - 6pm</p>	<p><b>Operations</b></p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter Meals ongoing</li> <li>• Rev's Kitchen in operation</li> </ul> <p><u>Administration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full production support for services (no paper)</li> </ul> <p><u>Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Payroll &amp; Banking systems</li> </ul> <p><b>Facility Hours</b> Sunday - Friday: 7:30 am - 6pm Saturday: 8:30 am - 5pm (if required)</p>	<p><b>Operations</b> (hire Evening Custodian)</p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter Meals ongoing</li> <li>• Rev's Kitchen ongoing</li> <li>• Full rentals (in alignment with new social distancing protocols)</li> <li>• Evening events &amp; Large groups possible?</li> </ul> <p><u>Administration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for events (revenue increase)</li> </ul> <p><u>Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax receipts</li> </ul> <p><b>Facility Hours</b> Sunday: 7:30 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 9:30 pm Saturday: 8:30 am - 5pm</p>

# COMING SOON...



During the pandemic and lockdown, our chef, Omari Alonzo, has been preparing meals for local homeless shelters. However with the significant loss of income St. Paul's has experienced due to COVID-19, he wanted to do something more and developed the idea of the Rev's Kitchen. The Rev's Kitchen is now our very own take-out and delivery lunchtime eatery. Chef Omari has developed a menu specifically for this new venture which is absolutely mouth watering! Working with Uber Eats, Skip the Dishes and Door Dash, people will be able to order Chef Omari's delicious cooking and have it delivered to their home for lunch. Also people can order online directly from **revskitchen.ca** and have curbside pickup.

Income generated from this initiative will help support the meals being made for the local homeless shelters as we seek to expand that support for those on the margins. The Rev's Kitchen is set to launch on **September 21!** Stay tuned for more details for when you can start enjoying Chef Omari's fantastic food.

# Children's Ministry

## Zooms Can Be Fun!

Children's Ministry has been gathering on **Sundays at 9:30 am** over Zoom since March. Although we really miss seeing the children, families, & leaders in person, we have had fun over Zoom too! What do we do? We chat about how everyone is doing, who is having a birthday, and share upbeat worship music. We have a short teaching video and we learn together about living and growing in lives of faith. We have games, crafts and activities, and share prayers together. It is fun! We love to see our friends and welcome new friends too.



We have to wait a little longer to be together safely in Children's Ministry, so we will continue **Sunday morning Zooms from 9:30 – 10:30 am**. Email Janet Earle at [children@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:children@stpaulsbloor.org) for more information or to receive the Zoom link.

## Fall Party



Join us **Sunday September 13 at 9:30 am** for our 'Fall Party' Zoom. We are inviting all parents, children, & leaders to join in. Bring your breakfast and come prepared to have fun together. We want to hear all about your COVID stories and adventures!

## Dressing Up in the Armour of God

Starting in **September 20**, we begin a new series in Children's Ministry – Dressing Up in the Armour of God. Everyone loves to dress up! What does it mean to put on God's armour? Join us **Sundays at 9:30 am** to discover more.



# YOUTH MINISTRY



It wasn't long after St. Paul's started producing an online Sunday-morning service that we realized that there was an opportunity to involve our youth in the process of recording & editing its content. Thus, the Youth Media Production Group (YMPG) was born. Over the past eight weeks, a small, dedicated team of St. Paul's senior youth have been assisting our leadership produce the service, learning everything from camera work, audio recording, and lighting, to how to create and execute a shot-list. These are valuable skills for anyone who hopes to get into the world of media, and

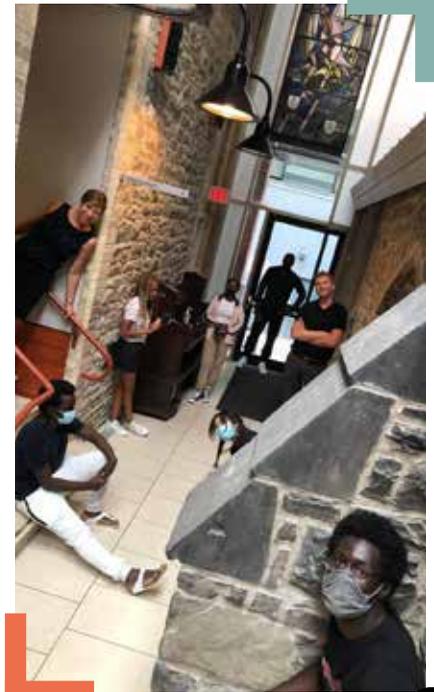
St. Paul's has provided an opportunity for the YMPG to learn & practice them, all the while assisting our church as it transitions into a "new normal" of offering online worship for all those who need to hear the gospel.

The team has met every Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's to record various parts of the service, including the sermon, the intros and outros, and the scripture readings. Throughout the week, the team meets online to learn about editing video and audio. Under the guidance of Doug (St. Paul's Creative Arts Producer) and Alex (video), the team conceived, planned, and produced the trailer for August's "Life in Transit" sermon series. In everything, the team had the opportunity to pray and reflect on how contributing to the church's online presence plays a role in their own life of faith.

The team wants to thank everyone who has made this opportunity possible, especially during a summer that witnessed the loss of many opportunities for fun & learning.

**"We loved working with Doug and the pastoral team. It was fun to be involved in the creative process of the service and gain new media skills!"**

**— The YMPG**





# Upcoming Sermon Series

## WHO What Is The Church?

What makes a church a church?

This is the question Christians have been grappling with for the past six months. COVID-19 has closed our buildings, shattered our budgets, disrupted our worship, and changed our habits. So, what's left? Is the church more than a building? Is it more than an hour on Sunday morning? What is our identity? The pandemic has forced us to wrestle with these important questions and rediscover the amazing answer: the church is not a WHAT or a WHEN or a WHERE - but a WHO! This fall St. Paul's will be reading through the book of Ephesians which will remind us that the church is (in fact) alive and well!

While the world around us may change, our identity remains the same forever: We are God's people on God's mission! Join us **September 20 at 10:30 am** online for the start of this new series.

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You may have heard by now that St. Paul's has access to an extensive new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.

As disciples of Jesus it is our desire to continuously develop and strengthen our faith. RightNow Media is a great tool to help us live out our faith at home, at work and in our neighborhoods. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping us grow spiritually.

To get started, head to [stpaulsbloor.org/media](http://stpaulsbloor.org/media) and click on the button "Sign Up For RightNow Media." Create your profile, and then you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos!

We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you.

# Sight & Sound Project Update

The Sight and Sound project has ended the first phase which has entailed the removal of the old lighting and sound equipment. As much material will be recycled. Most of the new fixtures and equipment have been ordered early as delays in delivery are expected with the present pandemic difficulties. The column foundations have been scanned by radar to determine the best location for the ducts, and cable routings throughout the building determined.

Most of the shop drawings and detailed planning has been completed and the actual drilling and installation is expected to begin in the first week of September. To date the project is within budget and ahead of schedule, although delivery delays could impact this. For more information and the latest updates, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/sight-sound](http://stpaulsbloor.org/sight-sound).



## Your Generosity Makes a Difference

Every course, program and ministry we offer is only a possible through the faithfulness and generosity of people like you. This has allowed us to continue to serve and bless many others in new and unique ways and provide connection points during this pandemic.

When you give, either big or small, you are joining in the work that God is doing through the ministries of St. Paul's Bloor Street and bringing us closer to our vision of a church made alive, a city made new and a people made whole.

For more information on giving or how you can give, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/give](http://stpaulsbloor.org/give).

### Ways to Give



**Give Online**



**Mail Cheque**



**Gift of Securities**



**Pre-Authorized Giving**



## Stay Connected

### Sunday Services:

Children's Ministry • 9:30 am online • [stpaulsbloor.org/children](http://stpaulsbloor.org/children)

Onsite Worship Service • starts September 3 at 10 am • [stpaulsbloor.org](http://stpaulsbloor.org)

Online Worship Service • 10:30 am • [stpaulsbloor.org/watch-online](http://stpaulsbloor.org/watch-online)

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