

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2022

INTERIM PRIEST

The Reverend Michelle Stanford is our interim priest. She is an Honorary Assistant at the parish of St. Thomas-a-Becket Anglican Church and will be ministering at St. John's Dixie during the month of July until August 7th. Please welcome her to our parish. We will keep you updated regarding the coverage for the remainder of August as soon as that information becomes available to us.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour has resumed, and all seems to be going well. We are all excited to be able to socialize again with our fellow parishioners. We are now asking for help in supply some items for coffee hour if possible. We would like to continue to observe protocols where Covid is concerned given the possibility of a 5th wave in the fall. We will be serving individual items prepared in a cup and using individual cream and milk. If you can help us, we are asking for donations of two bite brownies, cookies, small cupcakes, or squares cut into small pieces. Store bought or homemade are all acceptable. These items can be left in the kitchen where they will be moved with gloved hands into the individual cups. Please sign up on the provided sheet to supply the snack for a specific date.

While masks are optional, we must insist those handling food must wear a mask and we encourage individuals to continue to wear masks during church services. We also ask if you are feeling unwell, please refrain from attending services.

MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Corporation and Staff of St. John's are very pleased to inform you of the wedding of Dr. Jeff McLeod and Erin Noel (soloist) on July 1st in Regina, Saskatchewan. There was a presentation to the couple on Sunday, June 26 at our 10 a.m. service. Please join us in wishing them a very happy blessed marriage.

CHOIR ACTIVITIES

The choir and the leads will be on hiatus during the months of July and August. They will resume in September. Please note that we are always seeking new singers to join the choir. If you have an interest or wish to learn more about the basic requirements, please speak to our Music Director, Jeff McLeod.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank parishioners who have agreed to participate in the scheduling of Church activities, such as servers, greeters/sides people, chancel guild, and readers. We need participation in the Church to make it work. This building can't be run by just a small number of volunteers. To be a member of St. John's doesn't mean just attending services; we need you to participate.

We understand things have been very different the last couple of years, but we need to start moving forward with church and the new normal. We may never go back to the old ways, but we remain as a community. The Church is only as strong as the community that stands together behind it.

We welcome all to share their thoughts on what they see are the needs of the community and how the Church can fulfill those needs. St. John's Dixie is focused on making sure membership here is both rewarding and fulfilling. Please consider becoming involved in your membership at St. John's. If you are looking for more information or would like to join a ministry, please call the Church office at (905)- 277-0462.

MISSISSAUGA FOOD BANK

We will be collecting for the Mississauga Food Bank for the beginning of August. Please include items in your weekly grocery shopping for this very worthwhile cause. You may then bring in your donations of canned and dry foods and place them on the table provided at the back of the church. The Food Bank cannot accept expired items. Please check the items before purchase or before packaging for donations. Thank you for your co-operation.

KEEP THE CHURCH CONNECTED

We are asking members to make sure the Church is aware if you moved or perhaps you just changed your phone number or email address over the last couple of years. We would like to have your contact information in order to stay connected. There are sheets provided on the table outside the office, or we would be happy to email you a copy for your convenience.

There have been occasions when one of our parishioners has been ill or taken to hospital, and the Church was unaware. Please make sure that whomever you have put in place to look after you is aware that you would like St. John's Dixie notified of your illness. Hospitals are no longer able to notify people or organizations of your stay in the hospital.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Janice Kretchman, our children's minister, will continue to offer our Children's ministry during the summer months. We will be sure to keep you updated on any holidays that Janice may take. She is here for both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday services. If you have any questions or comments for Janice, please feel free to reach out to her personally at jkretchman@stjohnsdixie.com

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

No names were submitted for the volunteer Flower Co-ordinator; as a result, the Corporation has made an arrangement with a local florist, **Fantasy Flowers**, located at 3635 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, to supply the Church with the memorial flowers on a weekly basis. In most cases, we will not be able to make a request for a special flower arrangement and must accept what is available in the store at the time. We still have space available if you would like to request flowers this summer/fall. Please contact Lori at the Church during office hours.

ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

Please join our online coffee hour, which will be held every two weeks – July 17, 31, etc., from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Both our in-person and online communities will be there for fun and casual chat. Please email Janice (jketchman@stjohnsdixie.com) or message the Church Twitter feed (@StJohnsDixie) if you have any trouble with the link.

YouTube Sunday School link: <https://bit.ly/3ah5XpW>

Link to Sunday Service: Livestreaming: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5EmDyt8DDk>

Link to Website of Church: st.johnsdixie.com

Thank you,
The Wardens of the Church of St. John The Baptist-Dixie



Incumbent: The Reverend Daniel Brereton

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