

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



Newsletter – June 2022

INTERIM PRIESTS

The Corporation and staff of St. John's would like to express our sincere gratitude to Rev. Susanne McKim for ministering to us over the past four Sundays of May. She was a joy to work with and she brought us peace and calm during our moments of despair and uncertainty. We look forward to having her with us again sometime in the future. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect her always.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Reverend Michelle Stanford as Interim Priest from June 7th to August 26th. She is an Honorary Assistant at the parish of St. Thomas-a- Becket Anglican Church and will be ministering here at this church during the summer. Please welcome her to our parish. We will keep you updated regarding the coverage for Sunday June 5th and August 28th as soon as that information becomes available.

MASK MANDATE

In line with the Provincial guidelines, the Bishops of the Diocese of Toronto have changed the mask mandate to “optional” effective the **Feast of Pentecost: this Sunday, June 5th**. While masks are not mandatory, we at St. John's are encouraging people to continue to wear masks for indoor services. We also ask if you are feeling unwell, please refrain from attending services.

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour coordinator is Jedidah Njenga. We thank her for dedication to service. We need volunteers to join her in making the work lighter and more enjoyable. Please add your name to the list posted in the Parish Hall. Helpers are particularly needed for the first coffee hour since the pandemic. It will take place on Sunday, June 12th following the 10: 00 a.m. service. Please plan to be there as a sign of our reunion and hope for future.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

There was no name submitted for the volunteer Flower Co-ordinator; as a result, the Corporation has arranged with a local florist, Fantasy Flowers, located at 3635 Cawthra Rd, in Mississauga. They will supply us 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 any one time.

SECURITY

The security of the people and property is most important to us. Following a recent incident of “break and entry” at the church we have taken additional measures to reinforce our safety and security systems. The outdoor lights have been replaced and the locks on entrance doors have been reinforced. Please do not tug on the locked doors, if necessary, use the buzzer located at the right side of the entrance door if assistance is needed. If you do not have a key, it is strongly recommended that on a weekday you call the office before coming to the church. Please call anytime from 9:30 to 5:30 p.m. (905-277-0462).

PARKING ISSUES

The parking lot is an accommodation shared between the church and the cemetery. We want to make this experience equally satisfying to all those who use this facility.

In order to avoid confusion and discord, we have allotted specific sections to the church attendees and sections for those who are attending functions at the Cemetery, particularly on Sundays, when most often, there are large volume of vehicles.

Most importantly, the Corporation has secured the use of paid and experienced parking attendants to guide and direct the traffic in this area during these stress periods. They are here to serve us. Should you have urgent concerns, please consult with the wardens on duty at that time. We want to hear if you have suggestions for improvement or to receive the positive comments you may wish to convey. We will make modifications as deemed necessary for the safety and satisfaction of all.

LAYETTE PROGRAM

Ethel Reid has delivered 10 layettes on April 28th to Kevin Mossop of Mississauga Trillium Health Centre. Ethel and the women who receive the layettes are very grateful to all who donate to this worthy cause. The Wardens of St. John’s want to acknowledge all the years that Ethel has taken on this ministry and thank her for her continued service, especially during the last couple of years when it has been difficult to get products and arrange deliveries.

MISSISSAUGA FOOD BANK AND OPEN-DOOR COLLECTIONS

We are collecting on an alternate monthly basis between the Mississauga Food Bank and the Open Door at Square One.

Mississauga Food Bank- This Sunday June 5th, please remember to bring in your donations of canned and dry foods as we help restock the shelves at Mississauga Food Bank, to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The Food Bank cannot accept expired items, please check the items before purchase or before packaging for donations. Thanks for your co-operation. Donations from the Sunday’s collection will be delivered to the Mississauga Food Bank by the Allan and Carol Ann. Thanks to Allan and Carol Ann Morgan for making this delivery. Many thanks to all those who have contributed.

Open Door - The following month is a collection for the Open Door they are **no longer** requesting food items. They are helping their clients with the following items:

Diapers

- Children’s all sizes but a need for sizes 5&6
- Adult diapers for both men and women

Paper Products

- Paper towel
- Kleenex

- Toilet Paper

Toiletries

- Deodorant – men and women
- Shampoos and conditioners
- Toothbrushes and toothpastes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Liquid hand soap
- Shaving equipment

Cleaning Products

- Dish Detergent
- Laundry Soap
- Fabric Softener
- Lysol Wipes

Seasonally appropriate clothing, which would mean that currently they are looking for spring and summer clothing for children, women, and men. Please don't give out of season clothing to them as they have limited storage space.

Please don't drop off items in advance as we don't have storage for items. We appreciate all who donate to help others less fortunate.

There is a table located at the back of the church for items to be delivered monthly.

BOOK OF PRAYERS.

We have started to take requests for prayers again. The Book has been placed on the stand where the visitor book was kept. Please note that names will remain on the list until you remove them **or** for one month. You may add them again at that point. You may also phone the office with requests during the week at 905-277-0462. We encourage everyone to pray for individuals as well during the week.

CHOIR ACTIVITIES

The church has entered into a contractual agreement with Anthony Faure, Erin Noel and Laurel Tubman as paid choir leads. These individuals were very active all during the COVID 19 Pandemic and continue to play an important role in support of the Music Ministry under the direction of Dr. Jeff McLeod. Their contribution has been extraordinary and is greatly appreciated. They would appreciate any feedback you may wish to give.

Many thanks to all the choir members who have been volunteers for many years. You are very much admired and appreciated for your dedication, devotion, and commitment to service in this parish.

Please note that we are always seeking new volunteers 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.

ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

We'd love to have you join our online coffee hour, which will be held every 2 weeks -- June 5, June 19, July 3, etc. Both our in-person and online communities will be there. Fun, casual chat from 11:30 to noon. Please email Janice (jkretchman@stjohnsdixie.com) or message the church Twitter feed (@StJohnsDixie) if you have any trouble with the link.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Readings and discussions are led by a variety of people. This past week's discussion on Pentecost led to the development of a Pentecost playlist, where people shared songs that reminded them of the season. It got everyone thinking about the message of Pentecost in a new and different way.

Lots about the bible, lots about community here. Feel free to join in the discussions or just watch and listen. Please email Janice (jkretchman@stjohnsdixie.com) or message the church Twitter feed (@StJohnsDixie) if you have any trouble with the link.

GODLY PLAY VIDEOS

Children's ministry time will continue for both 8am and 10am services through the summer. Godly Play videos will continue to be shared as close to monthly as possible. There will be! NEW PENTECOST VIDEO! out this weekend. You're going to want to see this one. A playlist of all our children's videos can be found here: (The most recent ones are at the end. I don't know why.)

CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS

If you have concerns or questions that you would like addressed, please feel free to approach one of our Wardens on duty. If you would prefer to write to the Corporation, you may. Please put it in an envelope and place it in the administrator's door to have it given to the Corporation. You may also phone the office and Lori will bring your concerns or questions to the attention of the Wardens.

Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link: Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86499519439?pwd=cC8rVIFYMm4xRGRzd2RyQXhEejFMdz09>
Meeting ID: 864 9951 9439 Passcode: 754201

Online Bible Study Zoom Link: Zoom Meeting

us02web.zoom.us/j/86356712981?...

Meeting ID: 863 5671 2981 Passcode: 339723

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: stjohnsdixie.com

Thank you,

The Wardens of the Church of St. John The Baptist -Dixie



Incumbent: The Reverend Daniel Brereton

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