



The Vine March 2021
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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our virtual Vestry meeting. Thanks also to Peter Humphries, Derek Reid and Ian Kelly for their technological assistance. Thank you to all who contributed to the Annual Report. The Report and Susan's+ Charge to the Parish are on the website now.

Worship in March: All worship is online at sthelens.ca

Sunday, March 7 Lent 3

Sunday, March 14 Lent 4

Sunday, March 21 Lent 5

Sunday, March 28 Passion/Palm Sunday *(If all authorities allow we may have an in-person worship service on this day. Please check the website.)*

Prelude to Easter

An Easter letter will be mailed to all parishioners by the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The Easter offering envelope will be enclosed. If you have moved please let us know so that we can update our data base in a timely manner. We do not yet know if we will be able to hold in-person worship but services for Holy Week will be provided, one way or another.

Memorial Flowers will grace our Nave at Easter and remember those we love but see no longer. If you would like to make a financial gift for flowers(**by March 28**) please place your cheque in an envelope, noting the names of those you wish remembered, your own name and telephone number(and church envelope number, if applicable). Please, put your envelope in our locked mailbox at the church. Or use **Canada Helps**, on our website. You will receive confirmation of your request. Names will be included on slides during the liturgy.

Chair of Worship: The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey

Discipleship

Bible Study Thanks to Peter+ and his team for their leadership of the latest virtual Tuesday Bible Study.

Cursillo Virtual Ultreya Wednesday, March 24 7:30 PM precursillo@oacm.ca subject: Ultreya_ 2021 March

2021 Lenten Devotional “Of Water, Born” continues throughout the season.

Children’s Ministries Families: please check your mail for resources for Lent and Easter

Youth Ministry Continues on-line

Chair of Discipleship: Jeff McRae

Stewardship

Finances Thank you to those who have continued to give to the church financially. If you have not done so since Covid 19 began, we encourage you to respond, so that the church will be there for us all when this is ‘over’! Please consider PAR(Pre-Authorized Remittance) as a tool to support your church financially. Call the church office (613-824-2010) or send an e-mail (st.helen@on.aibn.com)

Other Options: Use Canada Helps button on our website. Setting up your Will or making changes to it? See our Legacy Giving pamphlet, or ask one of the clergy, how to support the Church which has supported you!

\$\$\$\$Church Envelopes For members who have not picked up your 2021 church envelopes please call the church office (613-824-2010) or send an e-mail to st.helen@on.aibn.com and we will make arrangements for you to collect them.

“Spring has sprung, the grass is riz”! Well soon! And with spring’s advent we will need a team of willing friends to cut the grass on the church property. Fresh air, exercise and service to the community! Something to look forward to... Please volunteer to the church e-mail or to Colin Taylor.

Chair of Stewardship: Colin Taylor

Outreach

Christ Church Cathedral: The Thousand Doves Project The nave of Washington National Cathedral is graced with an exhibit called *Les Colombes* by German artist Michael Pendry. A winding column of more than 2,000 origami paper dove, symbolizing hope and the Holy Spirit, it was meant to encourage a feeling of optimism as 2021 began. You can read more about the project on their website. Our own Christ Church Cathedral has picked up the theme and

enfolded it into a Refugee support initiative. Please see the Cathedral's website for ways to participate.

Chairs of Outreach: Carol Danson & Sharon Tremaine

Community

St. Helen's Virtual Fine Art Fair Link on our website.

Visit the 'gallery' of the Fine Art Fair and support St. Helen's. Consider buying some original fine art for your home from local artists and follow the Art Fair on our Facebook page. Please share with your friends and neighbours. The entry fees for the art and a percentage of the sales all go to support the ministry of St. Helen's and so far, that is nearing \$1000. with more to come when all sales are finalized at the end of May when the Fair closes.

Among the eighteen artists in our current gallery, we have five from St. Helens:

- Peter[†], whose stained glass enriches our windows, has submitted three beautiful pieces of stained-glass art that will bring colourful light to any window in your home;
- Brenda Reid, whose art adorns the walls around the church windows, has offered eight wonderful paintings, some inspired by her heritage and others by her love of the outdoors;
- Jill McKinlay displays her photographic talents with five striking close-up images of nature;
- Peter Waddell is offering four magnificently crafted bowls from local fallen maple, yellow birch, cedar, and oak;
- If you are an admirer of stained-glass windows, you may be interested in two triptychs of photographs I took of Diocese of Ottawa church windows created by Gerald Mesterom, a local Dutch artist who died here in Orleans in 2012.

The other gifted artist who works behind the scenes is Brianna Glenn who has contributed her time and talents to setting up and maintaining the sthelensartfair.ca website.



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Quiet Garden Memorial Stones The garden still sleeps under the layers of winter's snowy blanket but the time is coming for willing volunteers to assist with the upkeep of it. Memorial Stones: You may have lost a loved one over the past few years or, even some time ago, and would like to honour their memory. If you have been thinking of purchasing a **memorial stone** to have placed in our Quiet Garden we are offering that opportunity now. Please see the website for costs and more information.

The Episcopal Visit has been postponed again to Sunday, April 18, 10 AM with hope that we will be in the 'Amber' stage then and able to gather for in-person worship.

Pastoral Care Ministries

Visits If you would like a virtual visit simply e-mail the church to request one and we will spend time 'together apart'!

Pastoral Care Team The work of the Team continues, primarily through telephone calls. Thanks to John Leech for hosting our monthly zoom meetings.

The **Prayer Chain** is prepared to offer intercessions on behalf of others for God's blessing upon any number of concerns, needs or issues. Please e-mail the church office at st.helen@on.aibn.com or Maggie Lorimer for pastoral care or prayer support mlorimer@rogers.com

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting