



The Summer Vine 2021
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The Rev. Canon Peter Lackey &
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Worship

Worship services will be available on our website (sthelens.ca) every Sunday throughout the summer.

Early Morning Prayers Coming soon...For all you early risers! Visit our website to access the Early Morning Prayers video and start your day in mindful contemplation that you are in the presence of the Holy One, your Companion and Guide, whatever the day may bring.

Thank You Thanks to all of our Readers for their participation in worship and to The Rev. Kay Richardson for her assistance in the liturgies. Thanks also Derek and *Emmaus* and Emily and the choir for their music ministry; to Derek for his production of our services and to Ian for managing our website and YouTube platforms.

Chair of Worship: The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey

Discipleship

Ephesians During much of the summer the Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays lists readings from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians as the New Testament Epistle. If you take the time to read the whole letter now (it's only six chapters) it will resonate more deeply when you hear it on Sunday morning. Check out the website in July for some questions for you to consider, as we invite God's word to speak to us as individuals and community.

A new Quiet Garden Devotional for Summer is on our website.

Thank you to Olivia Pelling, Ron Harder and Carol Danson for their dedication as senior leaders of The Branches. (A formal 'thank you' was offered during Sunday worship on June 27th) St. Helen's youth ministry will be refreshed in the autumn and under the enthusiastic leadership of Eric Jones and Berthorie Beauvoir.

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'! To pick 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.

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 to st.helen@on.aibn.com

Other Options: Use the **Canada Helps** button on our website.

Legacy Giving Setting up your Will or making changes to it? Read the Legacy Giving section of Stewardship on our website.

Lawn and Property Care Thank you to those hard at work cutting grass and in the Quiet Garden.

Chair of Stewardship: Colin Taylor

Outreach

We are pleased to report, that, following Vestry's suggestion in February, we reviewed the budget in June and, thanks to the Diocesan 'forgiveness' this past March and the ongoing financial support of the parish during the pandemic, we were able to earmark \$1000. for Centre 105 in Cornwall and \$2000. for Today for Tomorrow benefitting our Community Ministries and other Diocesan programmes.

Today for Tomorrow Please also see the announcement at the end of this edition of The Vine

Outreach Collection: Thank you to everyone who donated personal care items for Community Ministries. Monthly collection for Outreach will resume when pandemic restrictions allow.

Chairs of Outreach: Carol Danson & Sharon Tremaine

Community

Shape of Parish Ministry consultation (SPMC) A Diocesan-wide consultation in 3 stages(April 2021-October 2022) exploring the shape of parish ministry now and in the future. Check the Diocesan website at ottawa.anglican.ca. St. Helen's 'team' includes the clergy, Jeff McRae, Peter Humphries, Felicia Kwamena and Kathy Pearce. An opportunity to participate is extended to all parishioners. Please find more information on our website.

Quiet Garden Thank you to John Leech for his coordination of the order and installation of latest six memorial stones for the Quiet Garden. The blessing of these new stones have been scheduled with the families concerned.

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.

Covid 19 Update: Please continue to follow all public health guidelines.

Safe Church: Screening in Faith Thank you to those who have been able to obtain Police checks and those 'in the process'. We hope to be fully up-to-date by August.

Summer Prayers

Residential Schools Recent months have revealed a horrific history of children's deaths in a number of Canada's Residential Schools. Please continue to pray for the First Nations peoples of this generation and for all those who have been deeply affected by this heartbreaking revelation. May God guide us to healing and reconciliation.

Prayers for the Church The Anglican Communion World Cycle of Prayer and our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for July and August, will be available on our website.

Prayers for St. Helen's Parish Please keep our parish in your prayers as we anticipate returning to in-person worship in the autumn. Pray for the guidance of the Spirit as we determine what needs to be prepared and how to proceed, knowing that there will significant changes from pre-pandemic times. Pray for the clergy and leadership and the all people of God who call St. Helen's their faith community.

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

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting



@ Delivering Hope In Our Communities

TODAY 4 TOMORROW (T4T) raises funds to help the community ministries serve vulnerable people.

An increasing number don't have access to the basic things all of us deserve for human dignity.

The most at-risk people in our communities, such as those struggling with poverty, first peoples, young people and refugees. are facing challenges compounded by COVID-19, and their lives have become even more precarious.

To learn more about Today 4 Tomorrow and the ministries it supports, and to make a donation online, please visit

www.today4tomorrow.ca

Cheques are payable to Today 4 Tomorrow and sent to Today 4 Tomorrow, 71 Bronson Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6G6.

Thank you!