



The Vine December 2021

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*Parish Clergy:*

*The Rev. Canon Peter Lackey &  
The Ven. Susan Churchill-Lackey*

### **Advent and Christmas Worship 2021**

#### **Sunday, November 28 Advent 1 Lighting of the Candle of Hope on the Advent Wreath**

Holy Eucharist, In-Person, 8 AM and 10 AM, Pre-registration(on our website or by telephone to the church office) and **Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.**

#### ***Episcopal Visit***

**Tuesday, November 30 7 PM St. Andrew's Day**

#### **Confirmation and Reception into the Anglican Communion with The Right Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa**

In-person; Pre-registration, by telephone to the office or sign-up sheet at the church.  
**Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.**

**December 5 Advent 2 Lighting of the Candle of Love on the Advent Wreath** Holy Eucharist, In-Person, 8 AM and 10 AM, Pre-registration(on our website or by telephone to the church office) and **Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.**

**December 12 Advent 3 Lighting of the Candle of Joy on the Advent Wreath** Holy Eucharist, In-Person, 8 AM and 10 AM, Pre-registration(on our website or by telephone to the church office) and **Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.**

**December 19 Advent 4 Lighting of the Candle of Peace on the Advent Wreath** Holy Eucharist, In-Person, 8 AM and 10 AM, Pre-registration(on our website or by telephone to the church office) and **Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.**

Worship Services during Advent and Christmas subject to change pending potential changes in Covid protocols.



## Christmas Worship

**December 24 Christmas Eve 4 PM & 7 PM** Holy Eucharist  
Preregistration(on our website, starting on December 12, or by telephone to the church office). **Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.**

**December 25 Christmas Day 10 AM** Holy Eucharist  
Preregistration(on our website or by telephone to the church office).  
Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.

**December 26 Christmas 1 10 AM** Holy Eucharist  
Preregistration(on our website or by telephone to the church office).  
Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.

**January 2 2022 Christmas 2/Epiphany 10 AM** Holy Eucharist  
Preregistration(on our website or by telephone to the church office).  
Proof of Vaccination and ID required for entry.

**Christmas Memorial Flowers** You may wish to make a financial offering towards the flowers that will grace our Nave this Christmas. 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 bring it to church with you, by **December 19**. Thanks to Kim, who manages our Canada Helps platform, you can also make this offering by clicking on the Canada Helps button on our website, Christmas Memorial Flowers. Names will be included on slides during the liturgy.

### **Quiet Christmas Service Available online by mid-December**

A gentle, prayerful service designed for those who find the season difficult due to loss, loneliness, illness, grief, challenging present circumstances or sad memories.

**Note: Proof of double vaccination and photo ID** (or medical exemption) will be required to enter the church for all reasons, including worship. **Pre - Registration for services is also still necessary** so that we can continue to keep contact tracing records. The requirement for reduced capacity has been lifted and people will be invited to keep physical distance themselves and to be sensitive of others' need to do so. If you are anxious about larger crowds please consider attending the 8 AM worship service. Masks will still be worn inside at all times. Other restrictions and procedures will change as needed. If you are not double vaccinated and wish to receive the sacrament, please call Susan+ in the office.

**Advent Devotions** *Along Right Pathways* by Susan+ On our website

**Live- Stream** It is our hope to offer live-streamed worship services in the near future. Stay tuned for more information.

**Early Morning Prayers** 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. End the day with the **Compline Service**, also on our website.

## **Ministry Opportunity: AV Technical Assistance**

Volunteers are needed to assist with technical aspects of worship and wider ministry, including the following:

1. Operator of remote control of PowerPoint presentation (slides) during worship services. Required to arrive 15-30 minutes before the service begins to review the slide package that has been prepared for the service. Ideally, we would like to have a volunteer that could commit to doing this on a monthly basis. We are looking for 3 to 5 volunteers for this role.
2. Audio control during services. Looking for someone with a good ear for music that is willing to learn about all aspects of our sound system, able to attend Emmaus rehearsals in preparation for the coming Sunday service and then to balance, mix and adjust sound levels as required during the service.
3. Audio and video control of live stream of service. Require someone that is able to learn about our setup for live streaming; including the operation of our camera(s), audio sources and computers and then to control audio and video and live stream software during a service.

Please contact Derek Reid for more information.

Chair of Worship: The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey

## ***Discipleship***

**Advent Study** Thursday, December 2 and Thursday, December 9, 9:30 AM *Contemplative Prayer*; 10-11:30 *Advent Waiting* with The Rev. Kay Richardson

**The Branches Youth Ministry** Leaders: Eric Jones and Berthorie Beauvoir with mentor, Kathy Pearce **Movie Night, Saturday, December 4, 2021 6:30-9 PM** Soon on Instagram! E-mail the church office for further information.

**Quiet Garden Devotionals** On our website.

Chair of Discipleship: Jeff McRae

## ***Stewardship***

**Finances Parish Christmas Letter** You will receive a Christmas letter by regular mail with a ***Christmas offering envelope*** enclosed. If you have been 'irregular' in your financial support you might take this opportunity to make a thank offering to God for blessings received.

Please note that donations for the 2021 charitable year must be received at the church by December 30. Later donations will be counted for 2022.

You can give through **Canada Helps** up until December 31 at 11:59 PM, as you will receive your charitable receipt directly from them and not the church. You can use this button on our website for your monthly donation as well. Thank you if you have been able to be faithful in your financial donations, through PAR, Canada Helps or church envelopes.

2022 church envelopes may be picked up at the church beginning November 28, for use in the new year. You may also wish to increase your PAR amount in December, rather than wait until January.

As electronic donations are preferred to cash at this time, the Financial Ministries Team encourages you to consider using **Canada Helps** or switching to **PAR** (pre-authorized remittance).

A call to the church office (613-824-2010) or an e-mail to [st.helen@on.aibn.com](mailto:st.helen@on.aibn.com) will help you to set that up or increase your giving for 2021. Note: Charitable Receipts are issued in February.

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

**Thank you** to Bev and Diane and the cleaning team members for their work to keep our church clean and sanitized. For all parishioners: Please treat God's House as you would your own and clean up after yourselves when needed. **Thanks** to Dan and his team for work on our outside property. **Thank you** to our Quiet Garden caretakers, for preparing the garden for its winter sleep. **Thank you** to Peter Humphries and his perseverance with the effort to replace our telephone and internet system and to Peter, Kathy and Ian for their work with pre-registration details.

**Thanks** to Colin, and others, for organizing inspections, doing maintenance and taking care of a multitude of other details as required including the HVAC and fire alarm systems, winterizing of the lawn tractor and exterior property, confirmation of the snow removal contract, a second buffing of our floors(after the major resurfacing done in September) etc., etc.

Chair of Stewardship: Colin Taylor

### ***Outreach***

**Outreach Collection: Thank you** to everyone who donated coffee mugs for St. Luke's Table and other Community Ministries and to Sharon for the second delivery of the same. Our Christmas Outreach collection of \$10 Gift Cards for Community Ministries continues until **December 8**. We are also accepting donations for gift packages for Cornerstone, to include: 1 set of PJ's(size s-l), 1 box chocolates or candy, 1 \$10 gift card (Princeton St. requests 'Superstore' cards as there is one close by). Please bring your unwrapped donations to the church (collection boxes in The Grace Room) until **December 8**.

All charities are seeking donations during this season. St. Helen's parishioners have supported a number of agencies and relief organizations over the years, including, but not restricted, to T4T(Diocesan Community Ministries); PWRDF(Primates World Relief and Development Fund) of the Anglican Church of Canada; Hope for the Future Ministries and the Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre. "As we are blessed..."

Chairs of Outreach: Carol Danson & Sharon Tremaine

### ***Community***

**St. Helen's Holiday Market** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Market. It was, even with the challenges of contact tracing and other Covid protocols, a very successful event. Special thanks to Helen and Sandra for their tireless efforts. Over \$14,000. was raised.

**Open House for Susan+ and Peter+**  
**Sunday, January 23, 2022 2-5 PM**  
**Marking Their Retirement**

The Lackey's last service will be Sunday, January 30, 2022

**Art Fair 2022 For Your Calendars...** We had a successful virtual Art Fair last May with eighteen (18) artists participating, five of whom were from the parish, offering 137 art works for sale. Twenty-four (24) pieces of art were sold for a total of \$3,683, with \$2,771 going back to the local arts community. Entry fees for the Fair totaled \$685 with \$855.60 in commissions, resulting in a net revenue of \$1,440.60 for St. Helen's.

As majority of the artists indicated an interest in participating in another art fair with St. Helen's, we are encouraged to plan for another Art Fair. Council has approved a plan for an in-person Art Fair to be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022. There will be an option to change to a virtual Fair if conditions require but we will initially promote the Art Fair as an in-person event. Artists will be invited to participate and submit their art using our [sthelensartfair.ca](http://sthelensartfair.ca) website which should be available later in November and will open for public viewing as soon as we have an artist's work to display. As an in-person Art Fair will require more support than the virtual Fair, a call for volunteers will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Brian Glenn, Art Fair Coordinator, [sthelensartfair@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensartfair@gmail.com)

### **Pastoral Care Ministries**

**Pastoral Care Team** The work of the Team continues, primarily through telephone calls, emails and "snail mail". Thanks to John Leech for hosting our monthly zoom meetings. *Next Meeting: December 1<sup>st</sup>*. 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 Maggie Lorimer, for pastoral care or prayer support, [mlorimer@rogers.com](mailto:mlorimer@rogers.com) or call or e-mail the church to speak with the clergy.

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting

**Governance New e-mail address, [office@sthelens.ca](mailto:office@sthelens.ca)** Our old address will work until such time as it can be phased out. **Thank you** to Terry for additional administrative assistance preparing for the Advent and Christmas season and to Derek for the same in the realm of AV.

**Shape of Parish Ministry** The Diocesan-wide consultation, planned for 3 stages (April 2021-October 2022) is exploring the shape of parish ministry now and in the future. St. Helen's 'team' includes the clergy, Jeff McRae, Peter Humphries, Felicia Kwamena and Kathy Pearce. The first step in the parish was to get your feedback in response to the questions posed by the Diocese (June-August). Thank you to all those who contributed. We then distilled those thoughts and the group was interviewed (September) by The Ven. Mark Whittall and The Rev. Geoff Chapman (on the Diocesan team). They received our input and sent us an interim report which we then 'tweaked' and returned in November (now on our web site). With a limit of 2 pages, obviously not all of the ideas, concerns or turns of phrase are represented, but we hope the spirit of the input is in evidence. The report will be added to a Diocesan compendium of profiles from every parish in the Diocese. The next step in the Diocesan timeline will be taken in the new year.

**In the Diocese... 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series** December-March. First lecture, available on zoom and live-streamed, with speaker Michelle Good, on December 6, 2021. A special Commemoration will also take place on New Year's Day at Christ Church Cathedral, welcoming the Primate of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls