



**The Vine  
February 2022  
St. Helen's Anglican Church  
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**St. Helen's Annual Vestry (Virtual)  
Sunday, February 27, 2022 2 PM**  
Sunday morning services to take place as usual,  
recorded or in-person as is necessary.  
Vestry at 2PM. The Annual Report will be available online by  
February 20.  
Registration for Vestry will be available soon at [sthelens.ca](http://sthelens.ca)

### ***A Message from the Wardens***

Dear Friends in Christ,

As your Wardens, we continue to be blessed to be part of the parish of Saint Helen's and its leadership team, and we delight to share in your walk with Christ and in our Kingdom work. Our shared vision remains to be a Christian family, called by God to excellence, to be a community always known by its love, its inclusiveness and by the light, the peace, the hope and the grace of Christ, shared freely.

Despite a resurgence of COVID-19 sending us back to on-line services, only, and the recent news that Susan+ and Peter+ will be starting a well-deserved retirement from their active ministry amongst us, we sense that the saints of Saint Helen's remain remarkably upbeat. It is essential that we keep our eyes fixed upon the cross in these tumultuous times.

The Rev. Kay Richardson has agreed to support us with priestly duties until a new incumbent arrives. She will provide the equivalent of three days per week to support core activities. With this in mind, we will need to manage our expectations of Kay+ and not overload her.

We will provide regular updates on our progress to identify our new incumbent and assistant incumbent. Our hope is that we will have an incumbent in place around mid-September. Identifying and selecting an assistant incumbent will follow so that we hope that we will have both in place by the spring of 2023.

The Parish committee (Peter H, Kathy, Felicia and Jeff) had a very productive meeting with the Venerable Linda Hill (Executive Archdeacon) to kick start the selection process for our new incumbent. We discussed the process and the time line. The committee's first task, completing a Parish Profile, is well begun, making good use of your input for the Shape of Parish Ministry consultation. We submitted the Parish Profile on schedule for February 1.

Should you have any questions about the discernment process for new clergy, please feel free to contact any member of the Parish committee.

Parish Council continues to provide leadership for our five strategic pillars of worship, discipleship, stewardship, outreach and community. We look forward to the opportunity to speak directly to you about the ongoing mission and continuing operations of the church at the virtual Vestry meeting on Sunday, February 27.

Yours in Christ,

Peter Humphries      and      Jeff McRae  
Rector's Warden      People's Warden

## **Worship**

**February 6 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany** - Online at sthelens.ca

**February 13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany** - Online at sthelens.ca

**February 20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany** – Sunday morning services to take place as usual, recorded or in-person as is necessary. Check our website for the latest details.

**February 27 Last Sunday after Epiphany or Transfiguration** – Sunday morning services to take place as usual, recorded or in-person as is necessary. Check our website for the latest details.

**Note: Proof of double vaccination and photo ID** (or medical exemption) will be required to enter the church for all reasons. Please pre-register for all worship services at sthelens.ca or by telephone, 613-824-2010.

**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.

### **Ministry Opportunity: Seasonal Flower and Church Décor Co-ordinator**

Role Includes:

1. Forming a team of Volunteers prepared to assist with execution.
2. Plan flowers and décor for special occasions, especially Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas  
Co-ordinate with Administrative Assistant for request for donations for memorial flowers(Easter and Christmas) at least one month in advance (Church announcements, The Vine)  
Consult with clergy
3. Purchase supplies as needed (i.e. oasis for large urns; items for Thanksgiving, if desired))
4. Order flowers a few weeks in advance of celebration and/or visit grocery stores, Costco etc. for fresh flowers and determine other needs
5. Decorate church for the celebration (a detailed file is available) and clean up after the event

Skills needed: organization, an attitude of joy, and an appreciation of beauty!

Please contact: Deb Tweedle or Lorna Ponting to Volunteer

## ***Discipleship***

**Ministry Opportunity: Seeking a chair of Discipleship.** As a full member of Parish Council, responsibilities include:

- Communicating.
- Strategic planning.
- Supporting discipleship facilitators.
- Monitoring discipleship opportunities,
- Reporting parish discipleship activities.

**Communicating:** facilitation of communication between leadership team, discipleship facilitators, groups (i.e., Youth, Bible Study, clergy-initiated studies and events) and parishioners by maintaining regular contact and preparing announcements for The Vine and Sunday services as appropriate.

**Planning:** participating in discipleship events planning and strategic planning.

**Supporting:** working with discipleship facilitators to explore needs, resources and studies for use and event planning.

**Monitoring:** monitoring discipleship activities and opportunities within Parish, Diocese and elsewhere.

**Reporting:** provide monthly, Annual and ad hoc discipleship reports.

Skills needed: Commitment, organization, faithfulness, joy in learning.

Please speak to Jeff McRae, People's Warden, for more information as you discern your call.

**The Branches Youth Ministry Leaders:** Eric Jones and Berthorie Beauvoir with mentor, Kathy Pearce

**Quiet Garden Winter Devotional** On our website.

**Books** New Titles in the Parish Library: *The Book of Joy*, with the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu; *White Fragility* (Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism) by Robin Diangelo; *Hiding in the Pews*(Shining Light on Mental Illness in the Church) by Steve Austin; *Cultivating Canada* (Reconciliation through the Lens of Cultural Diversity)

Chair of Discipleship: Jeff McRae

## ***Stewardship***

**Finances** Please consider PAR(Pre-Authorized Remittance) as a tool to help you support your church financially. A call to the church office (613-824-2010) or an e-mail to [office@sthelens.ca](mailto:office@sthelens.ca) will help you to set that up or increase your giving for 2022. Note: Charitable Receipts are issued in February.

**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! Read the Legacy Giving section of Stewardship on our website. 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.

Chair of Stewardship: Colin Taylor

## ***Outreach***

**Outreach Collection: January, February, March:** Given the rising price of food, it is the intention to make our collections for the months of January, February and March, for the food bank. In February: rice, of all kinds...In March: vegetable oil. Collection bins are at the servery door at the back of the church and in the Grace Room. Stay tuned to announcements for more information.

Chairs of Outreach: Carol Danson & Sharon Tremaine

## ***Community***

### **The Open House has been Postponed!**

**The gathering to honour and give thanks for Susan+ and Peter+ and their 20 years of ministry at St. Helen's, scheduled for Sunday, January 23 has been postponed, due to Covid.**

**Please listen to announcements for an update, when available.**

**Susan+ and Peter+ hope to launch their retirement travelling through the Maritimes next summer. If you would like to contribute a monetary gift for them, please put your contribution, and a note if you wish, and bring it or mail it to the church.**

**The Wardens: Jeff McRae and Peter Humphries  
Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting**



## **St. Helen's Art Fair**

**For Your Calendars: May 28, 2022**

As of the writing of this announcement in early January, there are ten artists registered for the Art Fair with 44 works of fine art on display on the website. At the end of May, Christmas will be just over six months away and St. Helen's Fine Art Fair will present an excellent opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. At least five items were purchased from last year's Fair as Christmas or other gifts. The 2022 Art Fair offers a wide variety of art, in various styles and formats with a wide price range from a variety of local artists, some of whose work appears in local galleries. The Art Fair not only supports these artists but also the social ministries of St. Helen's Anglican Church. Visit our Art Fair website ([www.sthelensartfair.ca](http://www.sthelensartfair.ca)) to learn about the artists and see the work they will be offering.

While the Art Fair is being planned as an in-person event this year with all COVID restrictions in place, the situation may change and require us to revert to a virtual Fair again. A decision will be made at the end of February based on anticipated conditions at the end of May whether to proceed with the in-person event or switch to a virtual Art Fair. The end of February deadline is necessary in order to publish the appropriate information regarding the Fair.

Regardless of how the Fair is conducted, our goal this year is to reach as many potential buyers outside the parish as possible – even more so than last year. To that end, I am looking for someone with media relations experience or know-how to help me publicize the Art Fair. So far, I am using Facebook, the Diocesan email distribution list, Crosstalk and posters in a few local galleries and art stores but would like to expand our reach through the local radio and television stations, and of

course, the community newspapers like the Orleans Star. I will be pleased to hear from you if you have an interest in helping to promote the Fair.

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## **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. 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)

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting

### ***Governance***

***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.

### **Ministry Opportunity: Parish Council Vestry Clerk**

Role includes:

Attendance and recording the minutes at Parish Council meetings (generally 10 a year, on the third Monday of the Month).

Sending of the previous meeting’s minutes and the agenda (by e-mail) prior to each Council meeting.

Keeping a file of the minutes for the church office.

Serving as Vestry Clerk at the Annual Vestry meeting (February) if possible

Skill set includes computer literacy, organization, able to work with a team

Volunteer to the Wardens, Jeff McRae or Peter Humphries

**In the Diocese... 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series** For more information see the Diocesan website.