



The Vine
April 2022
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Holy Week and Easter

Message from the Rev. Kay Richardson

The Coming of Spring

As I am writing, the weather is warming up, the snow and ice are melting, and the sap is now running. This is very good news after a long winter. Now it is time to begin looking at our gardens and lawns, both at home and at the church. We need to prepare them for planting when the time comes. This will certainly be true for our quiet garden here at St. Helen's. Isn't it wonderful to get our hands into the earth to prepare the soil for planting? There is a lot of work to do with our lawns, our gardens, or our window boxes in springtime.

So, too, our lives need cultivating. Much like the earth, we go through the seasons each year, each season needing a particular kind of attention. In spring, we are getting ready for planting, for new life. In summer, we are enjoying the results of our hard work in spring: enjoying the flowers and shrubs and trees and lawns, making sure that they are watered and fertilized. In fall it is time to prune and prepare the gardens for winter. In winter it is time to rest and enjoy the quiet of a snowy day. (Of course, there is always shoveling, but that is another matter.)

Our lives also go through these stages: from birth and childhood, to teen years, then young adulthood, onward to middle age and then finally, senior-hood. Whatever stage of life there is time for newness, for fullness of purpose, for renewal and restoration, and also, time to rest. Right now it is a good time to enjoy all that spring can bring to us: Days that are getting longer, warmer air, and this year, being able to enjoy being present in person in our church community. Thanks be to God.



Worship

April 3 - Lent 5 Sunday: 8:00 am & 10 pm – (in person) registration required

Holy Week

April 10 - Palm and Passion Sunday: 8:00 am & 10 am – (in person) registration required

April 14 - Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm – (in person) registration required

April 15 - Good Friday: 10 am – (in person) registration required

April 17 - Easter Sunday *Alleluia!*: 8:00 am & 10 am – (in person) registration required

April 24 - 2nd Sunday of Easter: 8:00 am & 10 am – (in person) registration required

Note: Until further notice - 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

Memorial Flowers for Easter: Easter is April 17, 2022. If you would like to give flowers in memorial to grace our church during Eastertide, please fill out a form with the names of loved ones and make your donation to "St. Helen's Anglican Church" noting that it is a donation for Easter flowers (no later than April 10).

Easter "Chicks" - There will be an "Easter Chicks with Jelly Beans" sales on April 3 & 10. Please look for the table display.

Discipleship

The Branches Youth Ministry - Leaders: Eric Jones and Berthorie Beauvoir with mentor, Kathy Pearce. – New members are most welcome!

Chair of Discipleship: Jeff McRae

Stewardship

Volunteers Needed With Spring here and summer around the corner, St. Helen's is looking for volunteers to once again help keep our grounds looking groomed. Ideally working in teams of 2, this would be a commitment of a few hours, approximately once a month, using our garden tractor, push mower, and battery-powered weed whackers. Please contact Colin Taylor at 613-791-2948 or colinangelataylor@gmail.com, and I will be certain to get you all the training you need. We will also have a cleanup in late April / Early May and later in the fall.

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 will help you to set that up or increase your giving for 2022.

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: Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Bank. April's Outreach collection is canned fruit. "Muffins Made With Love" has resumed so please put your outreach contributions for this in the freezer.

Chairs of Outreach: Carol Danson & Sharon Tremaine

Community

St. Helen's Art Fair

For Your Calendars: May 28, 2022

An invitation to participate in the 2022 fine Art Fair was emailed to 50 local artists on December 2nd. By the end of day, six, who has participated in the 2021 virtual Fair, had responded positively with three submitting some initial pieces of art. You can follow the Art Fair's progress on www.facebook.com/sthelensartfair and view all of the art on our website www.sthelensartfair.ca. The website includes instructions and an online form for artists to submit their works.

Volunteers for a number of shifts will be needed this year to help manage the Fair under whatever COVID restrictions are in place at the end of May. If you might be interested in assisting in any of the following areas, please contact me at the email address below or call me.

- Setup Thursday May 26* (times tbc);
- Artists' setup Friday May 27; (1pm -3:pm or 7pm - 9pm)
- Greeting & COVID screening Friday, May 27 (1pm -3:pm or 7pm - 9pm) & Saturday May 28 (10am-3pm)
- General assistance Saturday, May 28 (10am-3pm)
- Payment Desk (experience with POS terminal) Friday (1pm -3:pm or 7pm - 9pm) and/or Saturday (10am-3pm);
- Takedown Saturday May 28 (after 3pm) *

*A truck or van will be needed to transport a number of metal hanging grids (details of size and number to be determined)

Brian Glenn, Art Fair Coordinator
sthelensartfair@gmail.com
613-327-9384

Retirement Party for Susan+ & Peter+ - There will be a retirement party for Susan+ and Peter+ on Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost Sunday) from 2 – 5 pm. Further details and sign-up sheets will be provided after Easter.

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting

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

Governance

Church Office Hours: Until further notice, the church office hours are normally limited to Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm.

New e-mail address, office@sthelens.ca Please note that our old email address has now been phased out.

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.

In the Diocese... 125th Anniversary Lecture Series For more information see the Diocesan website.