

The Vine
January 2022
St. Helen's Anglican Church
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Parish Clergy:
The Rev. Canon Peter Lackey &
The Ven. Susan Churchill-Lackey
Photo: Deb McIntyre
'Petrie Island"



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

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

### Worship

All Worship Services Online until further Notice sthelens.ca

January 2 2022 Christmas 2/Epiphany
January 9 The Baptism of the Lord
January 16 The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 23 The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 30 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**Note: Proof of double vaccination and photo ID** (or medical exemption) will be required to enter the church for all reasons.

**Thank you** A final thank you to everyone who assisted with the Advent and Christmas worship services and ministry throughout the season: Our Altar Guild and readers; our music ministries with the choir and director Emily Adams and Emmaus, with director Derek Reid; Derek also for his audiovisual production of all of our services and especially the recording of our Christmas celebration; lan Kelly, on our website, especially dealing with last minute changes; Deb McIntyre, the artists of Graphics in Motion and Freely Photos and Emma Lackey for photos and videos; our Wardens and Terry Leversedge for their assistance; our Financial Ministries and counters; all who assisted with the Registration process for worship services and everyone who made memorial flower donations allowing for our Christmas displays, given to the glory of God.

**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

**Thanks** to Peter+ for Faith Forum, to Kay+ for *Contemplative Prayer* and the study of *Climate Change Through the Lens of Scripture* and *Advent Waiting*, and to Susan+ for the Advent Devotional *Along Right Paths*.

**Ministry Opportunity:** Seeking a chair of Discipleship for the parish. 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.

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.

Chair of Discipleship: Jeff McRae

### Stewardship

**Finances** Thank you to everyone who made the effort to give an extra Christmas offering. 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. 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.

**Thank you** to Bev and Diane and the cleaning team members for their work to keep our church clean and sanitized. Thanks to Peter, Kathy, Ian and their team for their work with registration details.

Chair of Stewardship: Colin Taylor

#### Outreach

**Outreach Collection: Thank you** to everyone who donated to our November-December outreach: 55 pairs of pj's, 46 boxes of chocolate, 42 infinity scares, 5 quilts and assorted extras, 50 Christmas cards(thanks to the Pastoral Care team), 42 large gift bags and tissue, and 50 gift cards were delivered to Cornerstone and another 130 gift cards were delivered to The Well.

**January, February, March**: Given the rising price of food, it is the intention to make our collections for the next 3 months for the food bank. In January: canned beans, lentils, chick peas, kidney beans...In February: rice, of all kinds...In March: vegetable oil.

Collection boxes will be 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**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 <a href="www.facebook.com/sthelensartfair">www.facebook.com/sthelensartfair</a> and view all of the art on our website <a href="www.sthelensartfair.ca">www.sthelensartfair.ca</a>. 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

#### **Pastoral Care Ministries**

**Pastoral Care Team** The work of the Team continues, primarily through telephone calls, emails and "snail mail". 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, <u>mlorimer@rogers.com</u>

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting

Governance New e-mail address, office@sthelens.ca 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 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. Next steps beginning in January.

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

## **Coming in February...**

# 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 in the afternoon) Reports for the Annual Report to be submitted by **January 30**, to <a href="mailto:office@sthelens.ca">office@sthelens.ca</a> Registration for Vestry will be available beginning in February.