

Dear Friends of the Cathedral,

Earlier this week you should have received your invitation to attend the Christian commemoration of the Shoah at the Cathedral this Sunday at 4:00 pm. There will be refreshments after the service. This is the 40th anniversary of the first commemoration held in 1979, which was described like this in More Brief, our parish magazine of the 70s (Thank you to Vivian for sending this excerpt):

“On Tuesday, April 24th at 7:30 pm, a Requiem Eucharist was held in memory of European Jewry – victims of the Holocaust. This was followed at 8 o'clock by Yom Ha-Shoah (Day of the Holocaust) with a commemoration of the Holocaust through prayers, psalms and music. Taking part in the service were the Dean (Ronald Shepherd) and Vicar (Mark Gudwin) with Keith Stowell, Anne Hall and the Rev'd Dan Fleming of St Thomas' in NDG”

Earlier this week, I discovered that if I want to continue receiving the print version of the Anglican journal and the Anglican Montreal after June I have to confirm my subscription. If you too were unaware of this requirement – or were procrastinating – but you do want to continue or start a subscription, go to www.montreal.anglican.ca. It is of course possible to read both publications on line and you can sign up to receive the diocesan newsletter in your email box.

The Montreal Anglican web site is a treasure trove of information. For example, you can find a prayer for the victims of floods, and information about registering for the EFM (Education for Ministry) courses starting in the Fall. You will also find a link to information about a Maternal Health Symposium which is a terrific fundraising project being organized jointly by PWRDF and the MUHC to be held in the Glen campus, on Wednesday, May 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Money raised will be split between the birthing centre at the Royal Victoria Hospital in the Glen and PWRDF's project, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in East Africa. The next meeting of the Montreal branch of PWRDF is at noon on May 15 in Fulford Hall. All are invited. Bring your lunch.

A page worth visiting is the cathedral's Facebook page. Of particular interest this week are pictures of the farewell to Amy last Sunday as well as the most recent in Elizabeth's series about the people who help in the office – this week Peggy in the archives, but you can also find Raymonde, Stephen and Ann. I particularly commend a link to a touching and inspiring personal article about forgiveness, written by Noah Hermes, which appeared in the Anglican Journal last month. [forgiving-rapist](#)

Did you know we have actors and dramatists in our congregation? At the end of June Edward Yankie will give a one man performance of Shakespeare's Richard II at the Main Line Theatre on St Laurent, 7:30 pm, June 28. I'm gob-smacked by the size of this ambitious project and can't wait to see E.Y.'s R 2. Too early to buy tickets, but save the date!

One of our dramatists is Nathan Elliott. At the end of July members of Dramatis Personae will be workshopping his latest play about the conflicts and tribulations faced by female academics.

MAY CALENDAR

1. This Sunday, May 5
Pain, partage et prière 10:00 am. The French Bible study and prayer group will meet in the undercroft.

QueerSpace@CCC 12:15 pm in the Undercroft. Join the LGBTQ+ community at the cathedral as they create a space together to pray, discuss scripture, identity, orientation, and how they intersect.
2. Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm Diocesan College will be holding its Annual Convocation at St. George's, Place du Canada (1001 Avenue des Canadiens-de-Montréal, Montréal, QC H3B 3B3; metro: Bonaventure). This year they'll be celebrating their graduating class and several students in the Education for Ministry program. They will also be awarding honorary doctorates to the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, bishop of Quebec, and the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, bishop of Montreal, recognizing that for the first time in history the bishops of both Quebec and Montreal are graduates of Dio. The Convocation address will be delivered by Ms. Melanie Delva, reconciliation animator for the Anglican Church of Canada. The college invites us to join them in this celebration.
3. Tuesday, May 7, Lunch n Chat 12:00 pm : potluck fellowship, in the Bishop Hollis Lounge
4. Sunday, May 12th Fair Trade Kiosk - 12:00 - 12:45 pm - featuring sustainable cut flowers and fair trade Friendship Teas for Mother's Day! The June fair trade kiosk will be on Father's Day.
5. Tuesday, May 21 Cathedral Forum, 6:30pm, open to all parishioners.
6. Sunday, May 26th, Rob's Farewell. Please join us to wish Rob all the best as he continues his studies in Rochester, NY. A farewell reception will be held following the 10:30 am service in the Baptistry. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please put your contribution in the offertory, marked "Gift Rob" or send it to Elizabeth in the office.

Save June 2! Cathedral picnic and welcome for Jonathan, after the 10:30 service, and the Cathedral Reading Group at 7:00 pm to discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles.

Finally, a last good bye to Amy. She has been a wonderful priest and friend, a rock during the interregnum. We are happy that she will eventually be back in Montreal after an exciting summer travelling. Amy's final sermon as priest at the cathedral was brilliant. You can listen to a recording on the website.

Gwenda Wells will be our Interim Assistant while the cathedral searches for a replacement for Amy. She is plunging in the deep end this Sunday, presiding and preaching at 8:00 am and 9:00 am and preaching at 10:30 am. We offer her a warm welcome.

Ann Elbourne
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