

Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

There are many items to include this week, so please be patient!

Uppermost in all our minds of course is Patrick Wedd. I could write a thousand words about Patrick, but here instead are links to two picture albums reminding us of happier times. Thank you Yevgeniya for creating and sharing these albums of photographs. First there are pictures of last year's retirement party taken by Janet Best, who has given her permission to share [photos from the retirement party](#). At the party Patrick and Rob were presented with an album of photographs of Patrick, Rob and the choir taken over a number of years. Look at it here: [photo album for Patrick and Rob](#). They were also presented with a copy of the score of "The poor place" composed by Patrick and digitized as a gift. Here is a fragment of the choir singing this piece [here](#).

Last year the music committee organised a gala in the middle of June honouring Patrick for his 22 years as Music Director at the Cathedral. There was a wonderful performance of the Stravinsky Mass. Here's a memory of the poster advertising the gala and Patrick's Bach recitals <https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/2018/05/events-honouring-patrick-wedd/>

Patrick requested that the Stravinsky Mass be performed at his funeral as well as organ music by Howells and Messiaen. As announced, the funeral will be on Friday, May 31, at 2:00 pm. Alain Trudel will conduct a small orchestra of professional musicians, the Cathedral Singers and some invited guest singers, along with our organists Nick, Rob and Sarah.

Patrick's husband, Rob Wells, has suggested that instead of buying flowers people might like to make a donation to the Patrick Wedd Music Fund. You can do this

- by cheque made payable to Christ Church Cathedral, 1444 Union Ave. Montreal, QC H3A 2B8,
- by e-transfer accounting@montrealcathedral.ca. Please be sure to write 'Patrick Wedd Music Fund' in the message box
- online via Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5518>. A tax receipt will be issued by Canada Helps at the end of the year.
- For all 3 options be sure to indicate your donation is for the 'Patrick Wedd Music Fund' and include your name and complete address to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

On behalf of Rob and Patrick's family, Vivian Lewin is organizing a reception in Fulford Hall after the funeral. She needs help of various kinds – set-up, clean-up, looking after guests, serving food and drink – and in particular is asking for donations of cakes or squares to go on a dessert table. Please let Vivian know before Sunday if you can bring something or offer other help on the day.

When Patrick retired, Nick Capozzoli and Rob Hamilton became interim Music Directors. They have done a wonderful job maintaining the high standard of our Cathedral music. Thank you to them both. This Sunday, we say goodbye to Rob (although he is postponing leaving the city so that he can be part of the funeral service). There will be a reception in Rob's honour during coffee hour. You might also like to attend evensong which he will be directing for the last time, at 4:00 pm.

Although we are sad to lose Rob, we are very happy to welcome Jonathan White who joins us on June 2, the day of our summer picnic. The picnic will be potluck. Cold food only please! Some suggestions: interesting salads, dips, sandwiches, cheese, deli meats, fruit. Sheena Gourlay is organizing the event and would like to know what people are planning to bring. Please email her at rectorswarden.ccc@gmail.com so she can have a back-up plan in case 50 people decide to bring cheese! ESJAG is encouraging people to use reusable containers rather than plastic wrap. Jan is going to buy compostable plates and forks.

The following Sunday, June 9, you are invited to join the English Bible Study group in the Boardroom on the 3rd floor, after the coffee mingle at approximately 12:30 pm. Bring a sandwich! Jane will lead us in a study of Peter's second epistle.

Two young adult parishioners, both on the path towards ordination, have fascinating summer jobs. Ben Stuchbery has been hired by the historic town of Barkerville in BC to enact the role of rector of St Saviour's. Have a look at his Facebook photos! He completely looks the part of a Victorian priest in the lovely old wooden church. Jeffrey Mackie is also going out West, but much further north to Mayo in the Yukon where he will be a summer student lay minister in St Mark's Anglican Church. Mayo is 400km north of Whitehorse and home to the Na-cho Nyak Dun First Nation. We send our prayers for a happy and blessed summer to Ben and Jeffrey – and commiserations to their wives Erica and Natasha left behind and working in Montreal.

The cathedral has received a nice invitation from the Inter-faith Forum, and the Institute for Intercultural Dialogue to attend an Iftar at the Oecumenical Centre this Sunday evening. An Iftar is the evening meal which breaks the fast held daily by Muslims during the month of Ramadan.

Greta Stethem wants us to know that a choir from Georgia (Russia) will be performing in Chapelle-Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, 430 Ste Catherine E, at 8:00 pm on Saturday June 15. Didgori performs spectacular Georgian folk music which has been recognized by UNESCO as a world cultural treasure. The concert seems to be an event not to be missed.

Peggy Simpson is working hard to organize the Cathedral's archives. One of our treasure troves is our collection of old cathedral Newsletters, called More Brief until the late 70s and then Script in the 80s and 90s. However, some issues are missing. Do you have any copies of these parish magazines, and if so, can you bear to part with them? Please send Peggy a message via ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca

If you are interested in the cathedral's history and architecture, would you like to be part of a team putting together an exhibition for Portes ouvertes in Montreal churches organized by Heritage Montreal September 7 and 8? Please let me know.

Recently the second lesson on Sunday morning has been a reading from Revelation, appropriate not only for the Easter season, but also for mourners. From this Sunday's reading

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ... and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.