

Dear Friend of the Cathedral

This week, I'll start with some updates and reminders before moving into news from beyond the Cathedral.

The summer holiday season sees changes to our normal schedule. Please note that the deadline to have a notice printed in the August bulletins is Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Some of you may notice some small changes to the music in the service over the next few weeks. This is to allow our singers to take a bit of a break over the summer while still enabling us to have the music that you love and appreciate throughout the summer months.

However, the times and style of services have not changed. This Sunday, being the first Sunday of the month, there will be two evening services, traditional Evensong at 4:00 pm and the *Cathedral@6* bi-lingual service with contemporary music at 6:00 pm.

Did you know that the Dean has moved his office into Chapter House? (And did you know that before the new office tower was built that's where former deans had their office?) This is a wonderful space for preparing sermons, having coffee with parishioners, and the many monthly meetings required to run the Cathedral. Moving from the office tower brings him into the 'real time' of the Cathedral and its community, and ensures a clergy presence and oversight of the daily operations.

A few finishing touches are yet to be done, including finding an area carpet to help absorb the echo and give a cozy feel.

Would you like to have a quick visit during coffee hour? Bertrand would be happy to give you a tour!

Did you know? - The Cathedral continues to pay utility bills such as electricity whether you are in town at the weekend or not. Your pledges and regular contributions allow us to plan for those expenses. If you don't know how to set up a regular payment, please contact the office. And of course, turn off any lights that are not needed when in the building! Thank you from the treasurer and bookkeeper.

Please read this important reminder about Parking in the forecourt on Sundays.

As we have room for only 10 cars to park in the forecourt we ask you to remember these guidelines.

Reserved spaces: 4 for people with mobility issues, 2 for vergers on duty, 2 for choir members.

Time limit: If you are staying for coffee hour, Bible Study or a special event, we ask you to please move your car so that people attending a later service will have the possibility to use the forecourt.

Cars should not be left on the forecourt when you have left the cathedral.

Corporation thanks you for your understanding, assistance and patience as we wait out the city construction that has made street parking so difficult.

The latest bulletin from the city about construction on Ste Catherine says that infrastructure work has been completed between St Alexandre and de Bleury and this stretch will be resurfaced by the end of July.

Unfortunately there is no end in sight for the neighbouring section of Ste Catherine opposite the cathedral.

Luckily, we loyal members of the Cathedral community are not easily deterred by the hazards and annoyance of construction. Let's concentrate our minds on how lovely the street will eventually be and make sure that everyone knows we are open every day.

We are particularly open this Saturday as we welcome visitors enjoying Historic Places Day. If you'd like to know more about our history drop in between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to take a guided or self-guided tour and take a look at a small exhibition.

The French bible study group, Pain, partage et prière will meet in the Undercroft after the 9:00 am service on July 21.

The next English bible study will also be on Sunday, July 21 in the Meditation chapel from about 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm. We will look at the three short letters of John, focusing mainly on the first letter.

Don't forget about the various books which have been suggested for your reading pleasure (See last week's newsletter for the list). A discussion meeting will be planned for each book at the end of August for those who sign up. If you would like to host an evening please speak to a member of the clergy team.

Oasis concerts continue at 4:30 pm every Saturday. This week Tariq Harb will present *A modern vision of the guitar*.

Good news about Cathedral members.

- Edward Yankie's bravura performance of Richard II was much enjoyed by a sold out audience which included many of his cathedral friends. If you missed this performance talk to him about the second performance he will give in August.
- Yevgeniya's mother, Elena arrived in Canada on Canada day, a dream come true after many months of waiting.
- Adleisia, the women's choir which rehearses in the music room on Wednesday learnt on Sunday that they had won first prize in the "Equal Voice - Women's Choirs" category for Choral Canada's National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choirs, as well as a prize for "Best Performance of a French-Canadian Work" for their interpretation of "Terre-Neuve" by their composer-in-residence, Marie-Claire Saindon. (Full disclosure, my granddaughter Emma, is a member of this choir)

Under the guidance of Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of England released a new set of guidelines Monday, for how to conduct yourself on the Internet. They have been nicknamed the "Online Commandments", and there have been a few jokes about tablets. There are nine commandments though, not ten.

"Social media is a very public way of enabling us as Christians to live out our calling to share the good news of Jesus Christ," the church said in a statement regarding the new social media guidelines. In summary they say

1. Be safe. The safety of children, young people, and vulnerable adults must be maintained.
2. Be respectful. Do not post or share content that is sexually explicit, inflammatory, hateful, abusive, threatening, or otherwise disrespectful.
3. Be kind. Treat others how you would wish to be treated, and assume the best in people. If you have a criticism or critique to make, consider not just whether you would say it in person, but the tone you would use.
4. Be honest. Don't mislead people about who you are.
5. Take responsibility. You are accountable for the things you do, say, and write.
6. Be a good ambassador. Personal and professional life can easily become blurred online. So think before you post.
7. Disagree well. Some conversations can be places of robust disagreement, and it's important we apply our values in the way we express them.
8. Credit others. Acknowledge the work of others. Respect copyrights, and always give credit where credit's due. But be careful about sensitive or confidential information. And always question sources before you repost.
9. Follow the rules. Abide by the terms and conditions of the various social media platforms. And report people who don't.

Happy surfing - on line or hopefully at the beach - and a very happy July 4 to all our American friends

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