

Dear Friend of the Cathedral

This will be the last newsletter of the summer. The hard-working members of the cathedral hub will be on holiday at various times next month. If you get an email from the office in August, it will be because there is some important news, so do be sure to open it! It's also the last time that the letter is being sent as an email to the parish list. In September it will come to you via Mail Chimp, part of the technical reorganization happening in the office. Jane will be giving us more information about the innovations in the fall.

However, we haven't shut up shop for the rest of the summer – far from it.

- The Sunday lunch will be offered to people in need this Sunday at midday. Adrian is away so Bertrand is in charge and looking for some volunteers to help serve the meal.
- QueerSpace@CCC will meet at 12:15 pm in the Undercroft this Sunday
- Choral evensong continues all summer on Sundays at 4:00 pm. Choir and congregation are now seated in the canon stalls in the chancel and it's a great location for this beautiful, intimate service, a cherished Anglican tradition.
- The Oasis concerts continue every Saturday at 4:30 pm. This week hear *The World of Opera*, by the Canadian Vocal Arts Institut. www.oasismusicale.ca
- There will be an information meeting for current and would-be stewards after coffee hour on Sunday, August 4. Bring a sandwich. We would love to have 4 or 5 more people as part of the regular Sunday morning teams.
- Summer fair trade kiosk 12:00 pm this Sunday - Come stock up on fair trade essentials and explore new surprises and fair trade refreshments for the summer holidays.
- Linens need to be laundered and flowers need to be donated – would you like to volunteer to help out?
- The cathedral is open every day and the daily offices of morning and evening prayer continue to be said on weekdays at 9:15 am and 5:15 pm, and the Eucharist is celebrated Monday to Friday at 12:15 pm.
- Bills also have to be paid, so please keep up your giving. etransfer is a quick and easy way to give to the Cathedral, especially if you're not here to put something in the plate. accounting@montrealcathedral.ca, (no security question needed) include a note on what your donation is for (e.g. general giving or flowers or Spire).

Two things will make life pleasanter for us the rest of the summer: air conditioning is making the temperature in the cathedral much more bearable and streets around the building are re-opening. Bourassa and Union are now open to traffic and I see the parking meters have been reinstalled on Bourassa. The intersection of these streets with St Catherine has also been reopened, as has St Catherine itself between McGill College and Bourassa.

This is particularly good news because of some big events coming up

1. Annual Pride Service August 11, 4:00 pm at the Cathedral followed by ice cream on the forecourt.
2. Pride parade, August 18th If you would like to join the Cathedral community walking in the parade, we will be meeting at the Cathedral following the 10:30 am service
3. Journées du patrimoine religieux September 7 and 8. Montreal churches will be hosting open houses. We will have a small display about our history and architecture. I'm looking for people who would like to welcome visitors 10:00 am – 3:30 pm Saturday and 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Sunday. We are including the Saturday Oasis concert and Sunday Evensong in the advertised activities
4. Journées de la culture, Sept 28 and 29 – more on that event in September's letters.
5. Ordination Sept 29

Ordinations

Many of you will remember Tania Lesack, former member of our congregation and office administrator before Elizabeth. She will be ordained to the priesthood at 4:00 pm on Saturday August 24 in Lachute where she is part of the regional ministry in the Laurentians. The team is led by Josée Lemoine, another former parishioner. If you wish to attend Tania's ordination and have space in your vehicle or need a ride please tell Vivian Lewin. Two more former cathedral members, Joel Amis and Tyson Røsborg will be ordained as priests in the cathedral on September 29, along with Jason Crawford from the church of the Epiphany in Verdun who will be ordained as a vocational deacon. Please contact Vivian Lewin if you would like to help with the reception. And please pray for all the candidates for ordination as well as for Ben Stuchbery and Jeffrey Mackie both about to start the in-ministry year of their studies.

Here is a prayer you might like to use. It comes from the Anglican parish of Belmont in NSW, Australia:

*Great Shepherd of your people,
bless those called to the diaconate and the priesthood in your Church.*

*Fire their hearts with passion for your word and care for your people,
that they may joyfully proclaim the gospel,
and faithfully minister your sacraments.*

*Guide them in their prayer and study,
that they may be discerning and loving pastors,
enabling all to minister to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your people and world.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading is a particular pleasure during the summer. The cathedral reading group is reading *The Organist* by Mark Abley, a beautifully written memoir of his father. We are delighted that Mark will join us for our discussion on September 15. Do read the book and come to the discussion.

Here is a reminder of the books suggested by Episkope for discussion in groups at the end of the summer
Being Disciples by Rowan Williams.

Backpacking Through the Anglican Communion, by Dr Jesse Zin

The Break, by Katherine Vermette.

The Power by Naomi Alderman

Falling Upwards by Richard Rohr, A spirituality for the two halves of life.

Happy August
Ann Elbourne
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