



Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

Have you heard about the new bilingual group for all ages and religious backgrounds being spearheaded by some of the young adults in our congregation? Called LOOSE (Living Our Open Spirituality Ensemble), it will be meeting in the Undercroft every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm until November 20th for a contemplative reading of the Scriptures. The young leaders are emphasizing that they really want even people as old as I am to join them. In return, we invite people of all ages to come to the monthly English bible study at the end of coffee hour in the chapel on Sunday, October 20. We will be reading and discussing the Epistles of Peter, deciding what we want to study next and setting future dates. Also on Sunday the 20th, you can buy fair trade supplies for your kitchen (and chocolate for your delight) at the monthly Fair Trade Kiosk and in the evening join the book group at 7:00 pm in Ann Elbourne's house for their discussion on Washington Black by Esi Edugyan.

If you are free at 1:00 pm on November 10, please whip out your diaries - or on line calendars - to make a note of a very special event in Fulford Hall offered to us by the Jewish Public Library; an exhibition and workshop about their valuable collection of rare books, for the most part texts which belonged to Jews who perished in the Holocaust and so could not be repatriated after the war. The workshop is appropriately called Risen Leaves and, also appropriately, is taking place on Remembrance Sunday. We will say some short prayers commemorating Holocaust victims at the end of the workshop. The complete collection in the library includes 1 500 books, the earliest of which is an incunabulum printed in 1481 (about 20 years after Gutenberg), and while the array of books ranges from early Hebrew grammars, Talmuds, kabbalistic works, liturgical texts, history, and early antisemitic tracts, there are also unusual tracts dealing with religious vestments, architecture, and travel. Three of the JPL's librarians will discuss these books, the history of printing (as well as Hebrew printing), and share some of the strange stories and scandals that underscored the production of these works. It should be a fascinating presentation so do try to come if you can.

Still on the subject of books, a special edition of the Scrivener Creative Review, published by McGill, will be launched at the Word on Tuesday October 22 at 7:30 pm. This month it is spotlighting works celebrating The Word Bookstore. The evening is of interest to the cathedral community because this particular Review includes a piece by Jeffrey Mackie and the bookstore is run by parishioner Adrian King-Edwards. According to the SCR's Facebook post "The Word has been feeding your reading addiction since 1975. It may be smaller than your first apartment, but it still hosts better parties."

Bertrand, our Dean, is putting together a Pilgrimage to Iona – A small group of Cathedral pilgrims will be visiting this small Hebridean island which was home to St Columba and a springboard for mission to Scotland. Dates are 20 to 26 June 2020. Bertrand says that we need to put the group together quickly in order to guarantee our places. There is a possibility of two bursaries for students. If you are interested, please contact dean@montrealcathedral.ca as soon as possible.

Canned goods are urgently needed at Mile End Mission which cares for many of the hungry and homeless people we see on the streets downtown. The cathedral will be collecting canned soup/stew, tuna, pasta/sauce, peanut butter, baked beans, beans/lentils, canned fruit this Sunday. Please place items in the baskets as you come up for Communion.

Cathedral Forum meets on Tuesday, October 15. Light refreshments are served at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm. The agenda will be emailed to Forum members and posted in the baptistry. The meeting is open to all parishioners. Please come with your ideas and your interest in what's going on.

The online Gospel of Matthew course starts that same evening at 7:00 pm and continues on Tuesdays until Nov 12. You can join the Cathedral group to watch and discuss the week's presentation. Suggested donation \$25 To register, contact deborah.meister@montrealcathedral.ca.

Deborah would also like to hear from people who would enjoy reading an occasional lesson on Sunday in French or English.

Dorothy Oidi has been moved from the Richardson Hospital to a long-term nursing home in TMR, while waiting for a place in St. Margaret's or Father Dowd. For details, please call Janet King or the office.

Finally, one more event of interest to cathedral members: the Scott family is being celebrated at MBAM on Sunday, October 20 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. The father of this remarkable family, Archdeacon Scott, was a military chaplain in world War I. His funeral with full military honours at the Cathedral in January 1944 attracted so many people that traffic on Ste. Catherine Street was brought to a complete standstill as we can see from photographs in our archives. Please contact Anne Douglas if you'd like to see a copy of the poster or email me ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. If you're in town, and want to come to church, you can see the service bulletins on the website. Choral Evensong at 4:00 pm has music by Herbert Howells, Peter Hurford, Bernard Rose and Herbert Sumsion. Deborah will be officiating. If you can't get to church you can listen to the service on RVM 91.3 FM while you baste the turkey and peel the potatoes!

Ann Elbourne
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