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Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

We build community in so many ways, through worship, music, discussion and – of course - food. Here are some tempting invitations to enjoy being a member of the cathedral parish.

The **Cathedral book group** will meet Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm at Helen's house, to discuss the much-lauded novel *The Break* by Indigenous poet and writer, Katherine Verrett. The book begins with a scene in which Stella, a young Métis mother, looks out of her window one evening and spots someone in trouble on the Break — a barren field on an isolated strip of land outside her house which separates territory occupied by white people from houses belonging to Indigenous people. The ensuing investigation is told from the shifting points of view of 10 characters who are connected to the victim. According to Shelagh Rogers on CBC "Katherena writes with empathy and understanding about people who are living with the pain of intergenerational trauma. The Winnipeg winter she evokes is cold and cruel. But there is such love, loyalty and support in this story. If you enjoy a gripping family saga, I would recommend *The Break*."

Some of us read this book during the summer at the suggestion of Peter Huish and Michele Rattray. Here's another chance to participate in a lively discussion. Jane has "**books in a bag**" from **Westmount Library which you can borrow**. See below an interesting commentary on the book's relevance to the history of Canada's First Nations.

<https://reviewcanada.ca/magazine/2016/11/the-mythical-indigenous-protagonist/>

The next **English bible study** is on Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, at Ann's house. We will study the book of the prophet Micah.

Pain, partage et prière, the French Bible study and prayer group will meet this Sunday at 10:00 am in the undercroft.

Sharing Our Food, Sharing our Story

For many years we have celebrated the Feast of Christ the King in November with a roast beef dinner. This year we are trying something completely different, a potluck lunch featuring food from different cultures. On Sunday November 17 you are asked to bring an ethnic dish that is significant for you together with a card explaining what it is, where it's from and why you chose it. If possible, please also send this information to carlmontr@yahoo.es and spesmanirakiza93@gmail.com. Each dish should feed 4-8 people, so if the five thousand appear they won't go hungry. A team of four is organizing this event – George Deare, Erica Stuchbery, Carlos Torres and Spes Manirakiza. Help welcomed! I promise not to bring stringy beef and boiled cabbage, the stereotypical Sunday lunch of my childhood.

More invitations to share food and good company

1. **The Bishop's Annual Dinner** will be at the St James Club, 1145 Union, on Thursday November 7, with the purpose of raising funds for the mission work of the diocese. Tickets cost \$250 and qualify for a tax receipt. Reserve your place for an evening of good food and fun at the Cathedral's table as soon as possible by contacting Maria.
2. This Sunday, **the end of the month lunch** starts at 12:00 pm in Fulford Hall, sponsored by Selwyn House School. Volunteers are always welcome.
3. **Christmas Cake making** is an annual sociable bake-together organised by Leah Trineer. This year it will be on Nov. 10, 12:00 pm In the Undercroft. Cost approx. \$35 for the ingredients which make 3-4 cakes. Bring your mixing bowls and utensils. If you have other plans on a busy Sunday you can also pick up a bag of ingredients and do the baking at home. To register: wanda.leah.trineer@sympatico.ca

Worship, discussion and meditation

1. **QueerSpace@CCC 12:15 pm** in the Undercroft. Join the LGBTQ+ community at the cathedral as we create a space together to pray, discuss Scripture, identity, orientation, and how these intersect together.
2. **Choral Evensong this Sunday 4:00 pm**, also broadcast live on Radio VM 91.3 FM and the internet. Music by Stanford, Wilan, Radcliffe, Ireland The officiant: Glen Marcotte
3. **Diocesan Quiet Day** November 9, 9:30 – 3:30 at All Saints by the Lake, Dorval. Contact Vivian Lewin for more details or read the latest Montreal Anglican newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/61591de1ff25/see-whats-new-at-the-diocese-of-montreal?e=a29aa2ad93>
4. **All Souls** will be commemorated at 4:00 pm on November 10. For the next two Sundays there will be a sheet at the back of the church where you can write the names of one or two people especially dear to you that you would like to hear read out during the service.

More events for your enjoyment in early November

1. **Risen Leaves. A Rare Books Workshop Nov. 10, 1:00 pm** in Fulford Hall. A Rare Books Workshop from the collection of the Jewish Public Library. Books being displayed include Talmuds, kabbalistic works, liturgical texts, early anti-semitic tracts and many unusual manuscripts.
2. Go wild in the cathedral with the first **Messy Church** to be held in this space, Saturday Nov 2 at 10:00 am. Here is the letter to the Diocese sent out by Nicki Hronjak. "Bishop Mary sent an invitation to every member of our Diocese because she believes in the importance of this vital and effective ministry to children and families. See your invitation [HERE](#). Messy Church is church but it lets kids be kids. It will be fun! There will stations such as: **bowling, art, a water room, a meditation room, snacks, lunch, a pop up choir, friends, crafts** and more! You will get to spend time with the Bishop, the Dean and other leaders in the church who are serious and dedicated to the inclusion of children and youth in church. Find out what the Dean really thinks about Messy Cathedral [HERE](#)
3. There will be a **special Choral Evensong Nov 3, 4:00 pm**, followed by a reception in Fulford Hall to celebrate the completion of Phase One of our Spire Restoration Project, share developments for Phase Two and pray for this new beginning.

Congratulations to parishioner and artist Jonathan Sa'adah, whose second book of photographs is being launched this week. Published by Phoenixia Press *The Creative Spirit: Gildas Berthelot Sculptor* follows a sculptor and his creative process. Follow this [link](#) to read about the book and discover Jonathan the photographer.

To finish, here are the words of the motet by Richard Farrant to be sung by the choir in the 10:30 am choral Eucharist this Sunday: *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.* (Lidley's Prayers, 1566)

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