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Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

Time for a change is a slogan we're hearing a lot, and indeed we sometimes feel our feet are in shifting sands. However, as Christians, we know there is rock beneath, so let's welcome the chance to change and let's send our congratulations to people whose personal lives are changing in good ways.

In the light of widespread systemic racism, many organisations are examining their policies and putting out statements asking for a change in attitude towards people of other ethnicities and colours. The Cathedral is setting up a working group to consider our response to the Black Lives Matter movement – Please contact Bertrand if you would like to be part of this task force. ESJAG has been providing a number of links – please contact Brenda and consider joining in the Friday afternoon zoom chat discussing social justice. Janet Dench, who works for the Canadian Council for Refugees, has sent us a link to a statement from the CCR about advocacy for refugee claimants which highlights our dependence on immigrant workers.
<https://ccrweb.ca/en/time-change>

Jeffrey and Natasha winged and drove their way to Whitehorse with Buddy their cat on Wednesday. They are staying the first two months in Old Log Cabin Rectory next to Old Log Anglican Church built in 1900. These buildings are near the present-day Christ Church Cathedral. Jeffrey will be ordained in Whitehorse and then work in the Yukon Anglican Church in Dawson City.



Veronica and Jim McDermott are moving to Calgary on July 4th to be closer to family. We are going to miss Jim's dry humour and inspiring sermons. Veronica has been heavily involved in Cathedral activities, including Corporation and the Music Committee. We will miss her leadership, compassion and organisational skills.

Duncan Shaddick is out of hospital and back in his room at Place Kensington having recovered from COVID 19. Wonderful news!

Every Sunday we get more and more comfortable with our new way of worship. This Sunday our choir will be singing a setting of the Te Deum by John Ireland at the 10:30 am service and Deborah will be preaching at all three services.

Meanwhile, Adrian and Donna will be hosting the Last Sunday of the Month Lunch. This week the desserts will be made by Irene Broitman. Dru Spencer, Mark Peacock, Bob King, John Matheson, Donna and Adrian will be in the kitchen preparing 200 sandwiches. Adrian is looking for a sponsor for the next lunch in July. The cost is \$300. This usually feeds 90-100 people a substantial bag lunch.

This is a tough time for singers and other performers. Normand, for example, our bass soloist in the choir, says that the only singing he has been doing is in the videos of the Cathedral choir. However, he is enjoying time to relax.

Things have been more exciting for alto soloist Anna. She got married! This is what she told us (and I don't agree with Word that honeymoon is a typo):

Anna Lewton-Brain and Eric Perlinger were married June 6th at Eric's parents house in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. The civil wedding was attended by Eric's and Anna's close family, and officiated by a notary. They had a socially distanced reception of ten guests in their backyard in Longueuil that afternoon and are happily enjoying their honeymoon. Also, the couple are eagerly awaiting the birth of their son this fall, due in November. They plan to celebrate their union in a church with a mass and beautiful music eventually, when the pandemic has passed.



Our three young assistant Cathedral organists have all recently graduated from the McGill School of Music, Nick with a doctorate, Sarah with a Master's degree and Ethan with a graduate diploma in organ performance

Ethan writes:

"During this program I studied with Hans-Ola Ericsson alongside the cathedral's organ assistant, Nick Capozzoli, while also working at the cathedral as organ scholar. It's difficult to be certain of the future now, but much of my plans remain unchanged. I'm hoping to study again, but before I do, I'd like to continue my work with the cathedral (when safe and permitted) as well as other work in a similar field."

Nick has recently been interviewed by PBS about his part in the movie *Pipe Dreams*. He also talks about the challenges of the current crisis and what he has been doing at the cathedral.

Nick and Jonathan are offering a series of short movies about Anglican Church music, Nick talks about the history of hymns. His most recent video was about the Oxford Movement & Anglo-Catholicism in Victorian hymns; Jonathan's topic is Singing the Psalms – A History of Anglican Chant. He provides music that you can sing along to in the privacy of your home.

You can find both series and much more on the Cathedral's web music page

<https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/music/covid/> or on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/cccmtnmusic/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

Two other young people in our congregation have recently graduated. Jen Ower received a bachelor's degree from McGill and Amanda Van Oort, graduated from Concordia with a BA in Sociology, gaining Honours with Distinction. We feel like proud parents – congratulations!



It's fun to hear about new babies! Ben Stuchbery and Erica Jacobs-Perkins are delighted to introduce **Charles Douglas Stuchbery** born at 9:05am on Saturday, June 20, 2020, weighing 8lb 6oz, and 20 inches long. Everybody is doing well!

Among the slightly older members of our congregation, Edward is working on a screenplay. Meanwhile, he and Tor are meeting in his garden to talk about a mutual obsession, their favourite poem in Middle English, Sir Gawain and The Green Knight. As Edward observed, "That doesn't happen everyday."

Three notices from Deborah

- 1) The Daily Bread blog has gone on hiatus for the summer. I want to thank everyone who wrote for it, and those of you who read it. I hope that it was able to deepen our sense of one another as members of a community, and to help sustain your spirit at a difficult time for all of us.
- 2) The poet Darren Bifford will be joining us July 5th at 11:45 a.m. for the second session of the First Sunday (Online) Literary Festival. Mr. Bifford is a Montreal poet. His poetry collections include *Wedding in Fire Country* (2012) and, more recently, *False Spring* (2018). He's also the editor, with Warren Heiti, of *Chamber Music: the poetry of Jan Zwicky* (2015). All are welcome to join us on the Sunday 10:30 Zoom, either for the service itself or to log on at 11:40 for the poetry reading and Q and A.
- 3) Use of Cathedral Zoom Accounts: The Cathedral Zoom accounts are in heavy use, both with scheduled groups and with pastoral care appointments. Any use by other Cathedral groups must be scheduled through Elizabeth Schama and posted on the website to avoid conflicting obligations.

Some Reminders

- 1) Donna and Adrian at The Word Bookstore have recently acquired Donald Boisvert's Library. Any Cathedral members wishing to purchase these books will be offered a discount.
- 2) The book by **Dean Michael Pitts**, "*50 Years of Ministry*," will be published in July. It is [available now for pre-order at Phoenicia Publishing](#)
- 3) Lisa and Joseph will deliver items from the Cathedral's FairTrade stock. List of products <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RMenh5mth8204T6DQmq5IAPzUN38SiatEn4iXwM669c/edit?usp=sharing> If you want to place an order write to fairtrade@montrealcathedral.ca

I hope you will agree that living in a time of change is not all bad. In many ways we are being brought closer together as we share ideas and experiences.

I will finish this week with a prayer sent to the newsletter by Yvonne Barrow, mother of Jacqueline. Yvonne was very ill for a long time and was just beginning to be able to rejoin services at the Cathedral before we were shut down. Jacqueline writes "My mother has asked me to forward this prayer she received in her Unity prayer booklet to add to the next weekly newsletter. It was written by the founder of "Unity Prayer School in the U.S., Myrtle Filmore."



*"I do not believe in evil, I believe in Good.
I do not believe in sin, I believe in Truth.
I do not believe in want. I believe in Abundance.
I do not believe in death, I believe in Life.
I do not believe in ignorance, I believe in intelligence.
There are no discords in my being. Being is peace.
My faith, understanding, and love are becoming one.
What therefore God hath joined together,
let not man put asunder".*