



Dear Friend of the Cathedral

September will be exciting! We are joining with churches round the world this month to celebrate the Season of Creation and are also giving thanks for the gradual reopening of services and activities inside the cathedral building. **September 12 will be Welcome Back Sunday** when you are all encouraged to come to church in person, greet each other in a safe manner and support the commissioning of Director of Music, Nick Capozzoli, his Assistant, Nick Choy, and Organ Scholar, Owen Spicer. Ice cream will be served on the forecourt after the choral services.

We've missed hearing our choir each Sunday, but here is good news from Nick:



Choir before the pandemic

"I am looking forward to welcoming back all of our choristers this September. Our entire group has not met in person since March 2020! However, our return will be a gradual and cautious one. We will have multiple safety precautions in place for rehearsals and services. As a result, our 10:30 Eucharists will feature a small ensemble, while certain 4 pm Evensongs will be sung by the entire Cathedral Choir. You will hear our professional octet on Wednesday September 8 for ordinations and Sunday September 12 at 10:30 am. We look forward to welcoming back all of our singers September 12 at 4 pm for a festive (and most likely emotional) Evensong."

You can expect special readings and prayers for the created world in our services and, as we mentioned in last week's letter, you are invited to join a group either live or on zoom on September 19 to express your concerns about the present state of the planet, which will be included in a Canada-wide ecumenical "Letter of the Faithful" and addressed to our elected leaders.



In addition, Taddy Springer and Brenda Linn are inviting you to look at programmes sponsored by *Kairos* and by *For the Love of Creation*

Kairos is an ecumenical movement for ecological justice and human rights, administered by the United Church of Canada. The Anglican Church of Canada is a member and at the Cathedral we have participated in a number of events organised by Kairos. <https://www.kairoscanada.org/>

Each day in September, KAIROS will share information on a topic related to climate change, with the goal of motivating and inspiring a daily practice of taking action for the climate.



For the **Love**  
of **Creation**



Pour l'**amour**  
de la **création**

For the Love of Creation is a faith-based initiative for climate justice whose activities are run by the United Church. They are hosting a series of advocacy webinars and a Fall symposium. The webinars are at 7 pm on three Thursdays in September. The symposium is on October 30

- **September 9th:** Climate Financing
- **September 16th:** Indigenous Rights
- **September 23rd:** Climate Ambition and Transition

Take a look at their website if you're interested <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/>

September is also the month when the Cathedral will be participating in two Montreal-wide events, opening our doors to visitors.

The first is the Journées du patrimoine religieux (Religious Heritage Days) on **September 11th and 12th**,



LES JOURNÉES  
DU **PATRIMOINE**  
**RELIGIEUX**



Les journées  
de la **culture**

The second is Les Journées de la culture on **September 25th and 26th**. We need volunteers! Please read this message from Deputy Warden Diana Bouchard, and contact her if you'd like to help, starting with the Journées du patrimoine religieux:

We will need volunteers the weekend of Sept 11-12 to greet our visitors and answer their questions, as well as to wander around the Cathedral and make sure everything is going well. In addition, we will need one or two people to help those responsible for the displays put them up and take them down.

### Volunteers needed



Friday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 - 5:00 pm	1 – 2 people to help set up the displays
Saturday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 12:00 pm	3 people
	2:00 - 3:30 pm	3 people
Sunday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 - 2:00 pm	2 people
	2:00 - 3:30 pm	2 people (including helping with take down of displays)

Please let me know the time slot where you would be willing to help and whether you speak French or other languages in addition to English. A contact phone number would be good also.

Contact Diana by email [deputy1.warden@montrealcathedral.ca](mailto:deputy1.warden@montrealcathedral.ca)

For the first time in many months there will be a concert in the Cathedral on the eve of the Journées de la culture. Here's what Nick wrote:

**On Friday September 24 at 7:30 PM**, as part of the Journées de la culture events, organists Adrian Foster and Joel Peters will present a concert unlike any you've heard before. Their group, Earth World Collaborative, specializes in immersive story concerts that integrate electronics, original compositions, projection, lighting, and special effects. The Cathedral will look and sound much different from Sunday morning! The concert is free, and there will be a freewill offering. Learn more at [www.earthworldcollaborative.com](http://www.earthworldcollaborative.com)



Earth World Collaborative  
Earth World is a Montréal-based network of musicians, writers, filmmakers, and artists producing immersive story concerts and collaborative projects.  
[www.earthworldcollaborative.com](http://www.earthworldcollaborative.com)

## Other events of note



**September 8 at 7 pm Ordination** of Ben Stuchbery, Fresia Saborio to the Transitional Diaconate and Susan Searle to the presbyterate. Please note, only people who have registered in advance can attend in person. Seating is limited because of COVID restrictions and in fact this limit has already been reached, so there is now a wait list to register in person attendance. Please email the office, [administration@montrealcathedral.ca](mailto:administration@montrealcathedral.ca). The service will be relayed over the Cathedral's YouTube channel for people not in the building.



**We also remind you that you need to register by Saturday to attend the 9 and 10:30 services in person.** You won't be turned away, but not registering makes extra work for the stewards and slows down admission into the Cathedral  
<https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/in-person-services-at-the-cathedral/>

You don't need to register for the Eucharists at 12:15 on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Morning Prayer is said on zoom every Monday at 9:15, followed by a time of fellowship – a great way to start the work week

[https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/event/morning-prayer-and-fellowship/?event\\_date=2021-09-06](https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/event/morning-prayer-and-fellowship/?event_date=2021-09-06)

**Alex Griffin**, a student at Diocesan Theological College, who has been worshipping with us, acting as liturgical deacon and occasional preacher, will be doing his in-ministry year at St Matthias. Alex has promised to stay connected. We send our good wishes and blessings as he follows the path to ordination.



On **September 14**, you are invited to join the **contemplative prayer session** which is offered on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm on zoom.



Please note that the next **Cathedral Forum** is on **Tuesday, September 21** at 5 pm, on zoom. All parish members are invited. Please contact the chair, Edward Yankie, if there is a topic you'd like to raise.



There will be a memorial service remembering and celebrating the life of **Duncan Shaddick** on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Look for more information about registration and a possible on line version of the service in a later newsletter.



The Cathedral's **English reading group** has picked a book for September which will be of interest to the many members of the congregation who are passionate about Indigenous issues. The book, *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich, is based on events from the life of Erdrich's grandfather, who chaired the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and fought a Congressional initiative in 1953 which would have ignored prior U.S.-Native American treaties and moved native people off their land. Louise Erdrich's father is German, but through her mother and grandfather she is Turtle Mountain Chippewa. *The Night Watchman* covers a number of other important topics involving

the treatment of Native Americans in the US, including sex trafficking and the attempt to obliterate culture through the residential schools. The book won the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. If you read the book, do join the **discussion on October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. There is a transcript of an interesting interview with Erdrich on public radio: <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/04/812085201/louise-erdrich-on-her-personal-connection-to-native-peoples-fight-for-survival>

## August End of the Month Lunch

Last Sunday saw the usual End of the Month Lunch organised by Adrian King Edwards. Here's his report on how things went:

*This time round everything went so smoothly I felt quite nervous much of the time. It just seemed, particularly after last month, that something was bound to go wrong.*

*John is now in fine fiddle and bright and enthusiastic as ever. I decided to set off with John a half an hour earlier on Saturday than usual "just in case." So off we went at 8 am to Aubut. We easily found everything on our list and even remembered to get extra cream for the coffee as we had run out last time. We arrived at Costco at 8:50 to discover if you go half an hour early there is ample parking even up by the entrance. Our good luck continued and by 9:30 we had already navigated the construction around the cathedral and unloaded everything at 1444 Union.*

*Sunday morning at 7:30 I picked up the delicious cookies from Peggy. Having Peggy back on board means that once again Donna and I can give out the lunches with pride. John served up three thick ham slices with pineapple, carrots and potatoes. Donna organized the vegetarian lasagna which is far more popular than we had ever imagined. Deborah, Flo and Joanne Simpson provided very joyful help in the kitchen. The rain held off and once again our regulars as well as a number of new faces were most grateful for our small ministry.*

*Many thanks to our generous sponsor who is a former Selwyn House parent but is such a regular donor he seems part of the team. Always a big thank you to Carlos who so ably manages the bookkeeping and to Marjorie who oversees us from a distance.*

Blessings,  
John, Deborah, Jo, Flo, Donna and Adrian

As well as being a master cookie baker Peggy Simpson is our **PWRDF** rep. She would like us to think about four particular areas of concern, and perhaps consider a donation.

1. Light for Every Birth Project provides a light and a fetal Doppler to doctors attending births. These devices run on solar power, and the batteries last five years. Your donation will be matched dollar for dollar, so a gift of \$1 becomes \$2 in the fund. This scheme ends Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. [pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021](http://pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021)



2. Vaccine Equity Fund:  
This fund is raising money to provide covid vaccine to Lesotho. After you have been vaccinated, please go to the website and help an impoverished nation vaccinate its people <https://pwrdf.org/paying-it-forward-to-lesotho/>



3. Haiti  
The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has announced an initial grant of \$25,000 to the ACT Alliance to respond to the enormous impacts of the earthquake in Haiti, the effects of which were made even more serious because of Tropical Storm Grace. More than 2,000 people have died, and approximately 60% of the population of Haiti has been affected, with thousands of homes damaged or destroyed. ACT partners on the ground are beginning distribution of emergency supplies tomorrow, and planning is ongoing to provide water, shelter and psychosocial care. The needs assessment is ongoing. PWRDF is a member of the ACT Alliance To donate online to the Haiti relief effort, please go to [pwrdf.org/give-today](http://pwrdf.org/give-today) and click on emergency response. You may also call 416-822-9083, leave a voicemail toll free at 1-866-308-7973, or send a cheque with a memo "Haiti Earthquake" to 80 Hayden St. Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.



4. Afghanistan  
The situation in Afghanistan is extremely complex. ACT members in Afghanistan and neighbouring countries are monitoring the situation on the ground and are planning to assist about 50,000 displaced families in Afghanistan and neighbouring countries. The priority for support would be food, shelter, blankets, tents and health care. ACT members are in process of exploring safe pathways for a smooth continuation of programs, while safeguarding humanitarian principles of caring for those most vulnerable.  
We ask for your prayers for the people of Haiti and Afghanistan.  
<https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-responding-to-haiti-earthquake-and-monitoring-afghanistan-situation/>



Finally, we send Rosh Hashanah greetings to our Jewish friends who celebrate the Jewish New Year next week.  
*Shanah Tovah and may we all share joy, hope and many blessings in the coming year*

With thanks to Elizabeth and to all contributors, especially Nick, Brenda, Taddy, Adrian and Peggy – Also a warm welcome to Bertrand who is back with us this Sunday after his holiday. We hope he managed not to think about us!

Ann Elbourne  
September 3, 2021



Fall flowers (Ann)