

Dear Friend of the Cathedral

We are heading into a busy but rewarding weekend with a number of events in and near the Cathedral.

1. Friday afternoon: There will be a huge climate rally, starting at 1pm near the monument to George-Etienne Cartier. If you get this letter in time you can meet other people from the Cathedral at 12:30pm in front of The Word on Milton.
2. Memorial service celebrating Duncan Shaddick at 3pm on Friday in the Cathedral. It will be streamed live <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQ3UMjld-So>
3. Saturday 2pm: Montreal Basic Income Rally You may remember that a few months ago we had a presentation after church about basic income, which made a persuasive case for its implementation. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more. Nancy Greene-Gregoire invites us to come to Laurier Park, 5200 rue de Brebeuf. The rally is a bilingual event with simultaneous translation. Several experts will be speaking: Philippe Hurteau from IRIS, Ysabel Provencher, a researcher from Laval University, Ambre Fourrier, author of the book "Le revenu de base en question" and many others. The public will be invited to ask questions. A table of refreshments will be provided with volunteers from the Mile End Mission



Brenda Linn suggests an interesting video on this topic from CBC news

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada-how-basic-income-works-1.6179760>

4. September 24 -26, Les Journées de la culture are being celebrated throughout Quebec. The Cathedral is showing the exhibitions which were on display two weekends ago for Religious Heritage Days, and adding three musical events and a special evensong followed by cupcakes on the forecourt. Diana Bouchard and Sheena Gourlay would welcome a few more volunteers to be greeters and security.
 - a) Friday, 7:30pm: Revenant, a concert presented by the group Earthworld Collaborative, consisting of Joel Peters & Adrian Foster, organ et piano Kimberley Lynch & Vanessa Croom, voice, Amy Hillis, violin, marking, they say, a return to the living, breathing music of a concert, marking another instalment in Earth World's projects on the theme of silence.

"In the shadows of lockdown we sang of the fruits of silence and lamented our lost presence in concert spaces. These silences taught us to listen more deeply, to sing with fuller voice, to recognize the voices of silence. The silence which inspires humming, the silent calm before a storm, the silence where we attend to the voices of silence and the voices of the silent dead.

And thus it is with music heard and music unheard, composed and recomposed, that we return, offering not a silent concert, but rather a concert worthy of, and inspired by, silence."

- b) Ever wonder how a pipe organ works? We, who hear the organ every Sunday, probably know the answer, but many visitors are curious. **Director of Music Nicholas Capozzoli will give a narrated tour of the Christ Church Cathedral organ on Saturday morning at 11am.** With over 2,500 pipes, this landmark instrument was built in 1980 by Karl Wilhelm of Mont-Saint-Hilaire. Nick will show the ins and outs of this organ, and through a mini-recital, demonstrate its full range of possibilities. Children love this demonstration so spread the information to families you know.



- c) Saturday at 4 pm there will be a fascinating presentation **in French** about Haitian classical music - Details of the programme are on our website https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/event/les-pionniers-de-la-musique-classique-dhaiti/?event_date=2021-09-25
 - d) Sunday at 4pm, the grand finale to the Journées de la culture, the full choir will sing evensong with music by a panoply of international composers: Englishman Charles Wood, African-American Mark Miller, Canadian Sir Ernest MacMillan, and Latvian Eriks Ešņvalds. The service will be followed by home-made cupcakes served on the forecourt to Evensong attendees and passers-by. Lisa Middlemiss is still looking for 1 - 2 people to help her serve, to meet at 3:30pm before Evensong to set up, and stay around after Evensong until about 5:45pm to clean up afterward. You can email ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca if you don't know Lisa's address.

More about Sunday

- This Sunday at the 10:30am Eucharist, the choir will offer a special anthem that highlights our season of creation: "Weave for us a garment of brightness." It is a Tewa Pueblo prayer set to music by Canadian composer and McGill alum Kola Owolabi.
- Also on this Sunday, Adrian King-Edwards, Donna Jean-Louis and John, the cook, will be organising the last Sunday of the month lunch, which this month is being sponsored by a young man who cleans houses for a living. He heard about the lunch from one of his clients and immediately asked how he could help with this.
- QueerSpace will meet at 12:15pm https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/event/queerspace-sunday-1215-pm/?event_date=2021-09-26



City Construction

Adding to our problems accessing the Cathedral, the city has advised us that the **junction between Bourassa and St Catherine will be fully closed** starting Monday September 27th for four weeks. There will not be access to the cathedral from Bourassa.

Cathedral Construction

On **Monday, September 27**, all activity in the Cathedral will pause for a day and **the building will be closed to the public** while the new ac/heating system is installed. Grills will cover the current holes in the floor. The system includes a Hepa filter which will help to keep the air clean and virus-free. I'm wondering how it will cope with incense!



Moving into October

- ✓ **Anti Racism workshop October 1 and 2 (3 sessions, can be taken individually)**
<https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2021/9/13/anti-racism-workshop>
- ✓ **English reading group October 3, at 7pm** Louise Erdich *The Night Watchman*
<https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/cathedral-reading-group/>
- ✓ **Brown bag bible study October 11**
<https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/events-calendar/page/2/>
- ✓ **Contemplative prayer October 12, 6pm**
<https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/events-calendar/page/2/>

Note from Deborah about the Brown bag bible study group: We will be following Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*, and those who wish to participate regularly should pick up a copy of it. However, this study is open to anyone, whether they have read ahead or not, whether they can come every week or only occasionally. It is perfect for you if you are new to reading the Bible, or if you wish to deepen your understanding and renew your faith.



Deborah is planning another study group, called **Deeper Well**. If you'd like to be challenged intellectually and spiritually by a deep engagement with our faith, please email Deborah, letting her know whether Monday evening or Wednesday evening is most convenient for you. This course will be in English. Non English speakers are welcome, but should be aware that the readings only exist in English.
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- ✓ **The French Evening Prayer and Bible discussion** continues every Tuesday at 7pm
- ✓ **Something new - Tuesday lunch and chat**
Episkope is proposing a new opportunity for people to meet socially over zoom. Details are yet to be worked out – for example, will there be a short service or bible reading before people eat lunch and talk to each other?

Special Days

On **Thursday September 30**, there will be a special prayer station in the Cathedral nave in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



On **Sunday November 7**, a memorial service will commemorate people who have died during the pandemic, whether through COVID infection or from other causes. Because of the restrictions it hasn't always been possible to hold a funeral service.

Reaching out beyond our borders

Peggy Simpson, our PWRDF rep reminds us of opportunities to reach out beyond ourselves to help people in great need in other parts of the world. You will find details on the PWRDF website, but here are 4 nudges about projects described in the newsletter of September 3. Note the deadline for matched giving in #1

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. Deadline September 30.
pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021
2. Vaccine Equity Fund:
This fund is raising money to provide covid vaccine to Lesotho. Give thanks for your vaccination and pay it forward with a donation to our Vaccine Equity Fund.
<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. PWRDF is a member of the ACT Alliance, which issued an update earlier this week. ACT partners on the ground are beginning distribution of emergency supplies, and planning is ongoing to provide water, shelter and psychosocial care. The needs assessment is ongoing.
<https://pwrdf.org/give-today/>

4. 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.

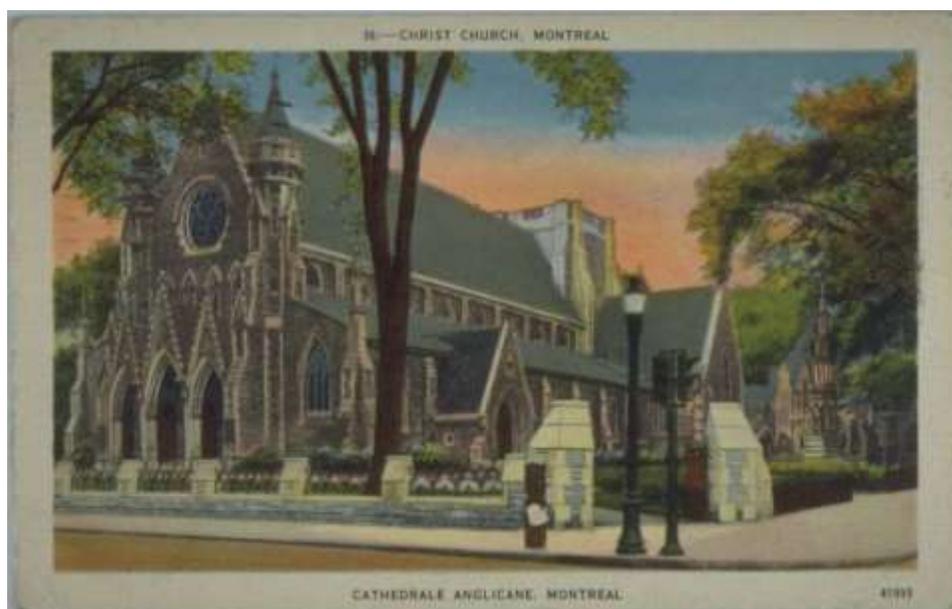
Not only money, but your prayers are needed for these vulnerable communities.

Thank you to the members of the Cathedral community who continue to be generous supporters of the PWDF, the Sunday lunch and the Cathedral itself. At Forum, our treasurer Jane Aitkens noted that identifiable giving has stayed strong during all the recent turmoil of the pandemic and construction. Please carry on giving!

Do you remember what the Cathedral and its surroundings looked like 10 years ago?



You won't remember the image in the second picture – the time in the 1930s when there was no spire. You can see this photo in the archives of the BAnQ. It was reproduced in Heritage Montreal's report about ongoing construction March 2021, along with some great pictures of current work.
<https://blog.heritagemontreal.org/en/chantier-cathedrale-christ-church/>



I'm looking forward to some interesting events; I hope you are too!

Ann Elbourne,
with thanks to Elizabeth Shama for her artistic expertise, and to all the contributors.

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