

*In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies,
promised before the ages began*

(Epistle to Titus)

*You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand
of the Lord*

(Isaiah 62:3)



Dear Friend of the Cathedral

This Sunday will be the first of three remembrance Sundays:

- October 31 - For all who have died
- November 7 - For those who died in the time of Covid
- November 14 - For those who died in a time of war



The flowers in the church this Sunday and next Sunday are memorial donations. The names of those being remembered with flowers will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter next week. If you'd like to contribute to the fund for flowers please send your donation to the office, accounting@montrealcathedral.ca and let Ann know to whom you are dedicating your gift no later than Wednesday November 3rd.

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During the All Saints services, each of you will have the opportunity to name out loud the people you have loved and still hold in your heart.



The All Souls service on November 7 at 4 pm is a special opportunity to remember people who died of COVID, or who died of other causes during the pandemic at a time when large gatherings were impossible. Elizabeth Shama, the Cathedral administrator, is putting together a list of names which will be read out loud during the service. Please send the name of anyone you want remembered **because they died during COVID** to cathedral.administrator@montrealcathedral.ca as soon as possible. The service will be filled with music, prayers and readings, mourning loss but also celebrating hope.

Come in person, or listen via the live stream links – and tell your friends.

- ✓ Live on Radio VM 91.3 FM <https://www.radiovm.com>
- ✓ Live and recorded at <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchMTL>
- ✓ Livestreaming on Youtube www.montrealcathedral.ca/live/



Later newsletters will have more information about the traditional Remembrance Day services to be held this year on November 14.

Nick Capozzoli, Director of Music at the cathedral, writes:

This Sunday, our entire Cathedral Choir will sing at both 10:30 am and 4 pm. In order to maintain safety protocols in the morning, the choir will have to be farther away from the congregation. While we won't be visible to everyone, the sound will be wonderful! Having a large choir at Eucharists again is a work in progress, so I appreciate everyone's patience as we try to regain this part of our ministry!

Our choir is preparing for a number of special services coming up, including an All Saints Evensong this Sunday, an All Souls/COVID victim memorial service on November 7 at 4 pm, and our well-loved Advent Lessons and Carols on November 28 at 4 pm.

COP 26 UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN GLASGOW OCT 31 – NOV 12

Please pray for all the participants in this conference and for realistic plans to fight increasingly deadly climate change. Please pray for Taddy Stringer who is an invited virtual participant, and consider joining the *Love of Creation Fall Symposium* which is being organised by Kairos and the PWRDF this Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. You can sign up for all or part of the proceedings at <https://secure.kairoscanada.org/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=251>



FALL SYMPOSIUM

A full-day virtual gathering to advance
For the Love of Creation's action on climate justice.

The event brings together an exciting line up of faith leaders, theologians, policy experts, and climate organizers. If you have any questions, please email flc.pac@gmail.com.

You can support ecological and social justice for farmers in the third world this Sunday. Here's a message from Lisa Middlemiss:

We will be holding a pop up **fair trade kiosk** just in time for Halloween on Sunday morning after the 10:30 am service. A fresh shipment of Divine chocolate bars with new flavours for all tastes and ages is on its way from Ten Thousand Villages in Cobourg, Ontario, one of the few Ten Thousand Villages independent board stores that remain open in Canada and support fair trade producers worldwide.



Fair trade chocolate helps ensure that cocoa farmers receive fair prices and that child labour is not part of the supply chain, a scary feature of many conventional chocolate and candy bars.

The cathedral will also be supporting social justice nearer home this Sunday, with a hot lunch and delicious desserts being provided to our needy neighbours.

The Brown Bag Bible Study has now met twice on Monday at noon. I'm recommending it highly as a time of discussion, both relaxed as we munch our sandwiches, and challenging as we look at selected bible passages. Can one describe bible study as fun? Yes, definitely in this case. Come and join us next Monday when the discussion led by Deborah will centre on Gen 3:1-13; Ps 32; and Phil 2:3-11.

Don't forget that you can also eat lunch virtually with friends on Tuesday at noon, or join the French bible study group from 7 to 8 pm. And all are welcome at morning prayer 9:15 am on Monday. We pray and then we chat, an excellent way to start the week!

Can you help? Christ Church Cathedral is looking for an Assistant Verger. Please share this job posting.

Assistant Vergers have responsibility for maintaining the cleanliness and security of Cathedral property and for welcoming visitors and ensuring their safety. They prepare the cathedral for daily services, weddings and funerals. May include assisting the Head Verger with minor repairs.

Additional requirements: Must be a self-starter, a team player and able to work with minimal supervision. Knowledge of church practices and spoken English and French are desirable, as is sympathy with the aims of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Training will include the Safe Church program, which will require a police background check. Part-time position, must be willing to work weekends (approx. 20 hrs/week).

Christ Church Cathedral is an inclusive organization and does not discriminate on the basis of gender, colour or sexuality.

For more information or to submit a resumé and references, contact Elizabeth Shama, cathedral.administrator@montrealcathedral.ca

I hope you all enjoy Halloween on Saturday and join the cathedral in celebrating All Saints on Sunday



*Near the snow, near the sun, in the highest fields,
See how these names are fêted by the waving grass
And by the streamers of white cloud
And whispers of wind in the listening sky.
The names of those who in their lives fought for life,
Who wore at their hearts the fire's centre.
Born of the sun, they travelled a short while toward the sun
And left the vivid air signed with their honour.*

Stephen Spender: the last verse of A Poem for All saints Day

Ann Elbourne,
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