

SUMMER 2022

NEWS AND EVENTS

EVENSONG RETURNS

A wonderful Solemn Evensong was held on Sunday June 5th to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Our choir was joined by the choir of St. Matthews Ottawa. Wesley Warren arranged for trumpeters and even a timpanist to accompany the music. Our guest preacher was the Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin retired Bishop of Ottawa. We welcomed a large congregation to share in this historic service. A big thank you to Wesley Warren and the members of the choirs who made the service possible.

With easing of the Pandemic restrictions we hope to return to having regular Evensongs beginning in October.

BE JOYFUL in the LORD, all ye lands: / serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.



Wesley Warren - a Celebration of 35 years

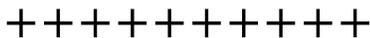
On Sunday, June 19th - the Solemnity of St. Barnabas our Patron, Bishop Shane Parker presented Wesley Warren with a certificate of appreciation for his 35 years as organist and Choirmaster at St. Barnabas. Wesley has used his creativity and talents to create a music programme in the Parish that has enriched our services and brought comfort, hope and joy to all of us. This Fall we are planning a further celebration of this important milestone.

Music is the mediator between the spiritual and the sensual life.” – Ludwig van Beethoven



Morning Prayer

Chris Cullen has been offering Morning Prayer through the week and at 8am on Sunday morning for many years. During the Pandemic, with the streaming of our services, the people reached are from around the world. Some of the most faithful followers of Morning Prayer, for example are in China. Thank you Chris for your faithful ministry.



THANK YOU TO OUR WARDENS AND TREASURER

We are fortunate that we have Wardens Bill Hallett and Diane Roussel, assisted by the Deputy Wardens Andrew Halpenny and David Martin. Through out the Pandemic the Wardens have quietly gone about their duties to ensure the continued ministry of the Parish. Our Treasurer Christopher Bowers has met the challenges keeping us on track with our finances and new systems of giving and the challenges of technology. Well Done !!



SOLEMNITY OF ST. BARNABAS.
 Left to right: Chris Cullen, Gary Rourke ,
 Bishop Parker, Rev. Deacon Stephen
 Zytveld, Joanna Lam.



BEHIND THE SCENES. Wendy Warren
 along with Devin Crawley are the
 volunteers that have ensured the streaming
 of the services we all have come to
 appreciate. Thank you to you both !

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Our journey through the Pandemic has touched and disrupted all of our lives. The familiar patterns have been changed and we have struggled at times to find our footing as individuals and as a Parish with the new realities of living with Covid 19. We are deeply grateful for the people who have come forward to help your Parish to meet the challenges and to continue to offer support and encouragement during these difficult times. The live streaming of services, the choir and the music program, the altar servers and honorary clergy, the weekly Mass booklets and email bulletin have helped keep us in touch with one another and provided a reminder that God is with us in the midst of the turmoil. With the continued easing of the Pandemic restrictions we face some new challenges, and how we as a Parish rise to meet them will determine our future in the years ahead. During the past two years, the parish continued to receive generous financial support that as always was humbling and wonderful and we pray this continues. The pandemic also highlighted that much of the ongoing ministry of the Parish relies on a limited number of volunteers, and because of concerns about the virus the number of people volunteering was further reduced. The remaining volunteers are understandably growing tired and need to have a well deserved break. This is also an opportunity to rethink how we have done things in the past and whether we need to continue doing them in the same way into the future, or doing them at all. Are there new opportunities that have become apparent during the pandemic that we need to focus on ?

Some ministries to consider:

- 1) Coffee time after Mass on Sundays - Ada Hallett after many years has retired as coordinator of the coffee time and we have no replacement. Do we want to continue with coffee time ? is it important to our community life ? Who is available to be coffee hosts ?
- 2) Evensong Receptions - Wendy Warren has retired that after 33 years of hosting the wonderful Evensong receptions. Do we want this to continue when Evensong returns ?
Do we need a hospitality committee to share the work ? Would you be willing to be part of a such a committee
- 3) Sacristy and Altar Guild. Ronald Bentley has been our Sacristan for over 30 years and now is not able to continue to do as much as in years past. Sharon Halligan and Beth Borden have stepped forward to help with the linens, but we need to have a return to teams to help with the set up for the various Masses and with the ongoing need for polishing and preparing the items used for Mass. Would you be willing to be part of a small team working on a roster to help with the various tasks ?
- 4) Sidespeople/Greeters/Collection Counters. For each Mass on Sundays and occasionally through the week, we need volunteers to welcome people at the entrance to the church and assist with the services. In addition we need to return to having a roster of people to count the Sunday Morning collections after the High Mass. Are these ministries you could be involved with ?

5) Altar Servers. We are fortunate that Gary Rourke, Chris Cullen, Joanna Lam and Michael Judge have been stalwarts during the Pandemic, for we could not offer a Sung Mass or a High Mass without trained servers. We need volunteers to come forward to join the Servers Guild so that we can return to offering Mass with all the usual ceremonies that we expect

6) Gardens and Grounds. We are fortunate that Wesley Warren and Julie Cross have continued to look after the lawns and the gardens, which are so much appreciated by not only the Parish but the wider community as well. Volunteers are needed to assist especially with the grass cutting over the Summer and the Fall Cleanup of leaves. We need volunteers to help on a regular basis to share the care of the Parish grounds.

7) The Bazaar. The annual Bazaar and Snowflake Cafe, which during the Pandemic has been a virtual one, is scheduled to return in November, if we have enough volunteers to prepare and manage it. Volunteers are needed for setup in the week leading up to the Bazaar, to assist on the day and for the cleanup. A decision whether to proceed with an in-person event will have to be made by mid-September.

These are only a small sample of some of the opportunities for service and there are a variety of areas in the Parish that could use your help. The future of the Parish and its witness is in your hands. We have a wonderful and unique Parish and it is the people that make it so. Your parish needs you to prayerfully consider where you can offer a gift of your time and talents to the renewal of St. B's.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the Church beginning in August/September

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Ricky was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

(Thank you to Elsa Frayne for sharing this bit of wisdom)