

St. Simeon's Anglican Church
October

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Autumn Newsletter



Greetings from the Rector:

Dear Friends,

What a glorious Fall Day it was today (Wednesday October 5th). "The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." So begins Psalm 19. It seemed to me, walking in the Laurentian woods this morning, that the red and purple maple leaves and the curled golden beech leaves in the October sunshine were doing a pretty good job of telling the glory of God too! Days like today are a real gift; I hope you had the chance to savour it. Days like today remind me that we are privileged to have a world of wonder on our very doorstep, but so often, I tend to take it for granted.

The beauty of the change of season, the end of one, ushering in the start of another very different one. In our life as followers of Jesus

and members of St. Simeon's, there are changes of season too. After two and a half years of living with Covid, we are almost back to normal, but with an awareness that things have changed. We are a little more careful and aware of the fragility of life than maybe we used to be. One thing has not changed, that, of course, is God's love for each one of us. One of our prayers talks about resting upon God's eternal changelessness. I hope that in the midst of constant change we can find rest in God's changelessness. As we do so, let us take the time to thank God for his constant goodness towards, us which comes to us in so many ways. Sometimes even in the colours, shapes, and sounds of falling leaves!

Happy Thanksgiving.

Nick

Update from the Wardens:

The seasons pass and we are now in autumn. We miss the warmth and longer days of summer but are savoring the splendor of the fall colours that are so spectacular in our area.

After a hiatus in July, St. Simeon's services resumed in August. We were fortunate to have Rev. Nick leading Communion Sundays and Gordon McPhee for Morning Prayer services. As many of our parishioners are away in the summer months, we were thankful for the faithful who attended in August.

Although September is not the official beginning of a new Church year, it has that

feeling at St. Simeon's. We have returned to a regular attendance and look forward to new activities.

Services continue on the normal monthly schedule of Morning Prayer on the first Sunday, Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays and Family Service on the third Sunday.

We are thankful for our Incumbent, Rev. Nick, Gordon McPhee, the Lay Assistants, and our organist Janis, who lead the services as well

as the Altar Guild, Host and Readers Coordinator, Joan and Coffee Hour

coordinator, Donna, who faithfully call for volunteers to fill these positions.



September has brought the beginning of activities for the fall.

At 11 AM, Monday September 19th, a number of parishioners gathered at the church to ring the bell in honour of the Queen. We rang the bell 96 times to mark each year of her life.

A Pot Luck Lunch was held after service on Sunday, September 25th. After many months of restricted social events due to Covid, it was a great feeling to gather in a social setting. There was an atmosphere of friendship, and caring as we ate together. Many thanks to Andy and Ann Mason for organizing this event and to everyone who contributed food.

On September 22, the Women' Fellowship met for the first time in almost a year. It was great to catch up with each other and with Church happenings. It was truly a time of 'fellowship'. We are always looking for new members. If you would like to join the Fellowship, we would welcome you and your ideas. Please give Ann Mason a call at 450 562 7217

St. Simeon's rectory is now sold. Many thanks to all who helped sort through boxes of church papers stored in the basement; to Nick for transporting these papers to the Diocesan Office Archives in Montreal; to others who transported items to the church and especially to Karen and Drummond for organizing the last items to be delivered to various locations.

As you may have noticed, the paving stones in the path to the church have been removed. This is in preparation for the town to repair the sewer line serving the church.

St. Simeon's holds a special place in our hearts. To many, it is the focal point of formal worship. In addition, it carries many memories for current and former parishioners. Our financial situation is always a concern. Your support is essential to carry on the work and mission of St. Simeon's. We are thankful to parishioners for their support. Contributions are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Donations may be sent to our treasurer, Herb, by e transfer to herbert.sioui@gmail.com. or by mail to 4 Mady St., Lachute, QC J8H 3B9



We are so blessed with the glorious sun shining on the leaves during the past few days and are filled with thankfulness for our many gifts. It brings to mind the words of the hymn

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

Follett Sanford Pierpoint

Yours in Christ, *Edna Hall and Karen Napp, Wardens*