

Announcements

Lammas Food Collection

Throughout the month of August, boxes are available at the rear of the church to receive your donations of non-perishable food items. Food received during this annual Lammas food collection sponsored by the Outreach Committee will be donated to the food bank at St. Bartholomew's, Regent Park (smaller tins and boxes are most useful for the many single men who use this food bank). You may also make cash donations. These donations will be used to make bulk food purchases from wholesalers to donate to the Food Bank.

Choir School

Fr. Philip continues his duties this week as Chaplain at the Diocesan Girls Choir School. He will be moving back and forth between the parish and the camp throughout the week.

Visit of Choir School to St. Martin's

We welcome the girls of the Diocesan Girls Choir School to St. Martin's today. They will be singing at the 11 a.m. service.

Limited Access to the Parish Hall over the summer

Toronto KIDZ Summer Camp is renting our parish hall so there is no access to the hall or classrooms from Monday to Friday until August 24 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Summer Book Club

The Christian Education Committee invites you to join them this summer in reading a short devotional book on the blessings of Ordinary time: *Everyday God: The Spirit of the Ordinary* by Paula Gooder. We will then gather for three Wednesday evenings in September (12, 19 and 26) to reflect on it together. Please speak to Mary Conliffe about obtaining a copy of the book.

Bring back a Church Bulletin

Are you travelling this summer? Don't forget to bring back a bulletin from the churches you visit on holiday so that we can post them on the church bulletin board.

Forward Day by Day

Copies of *Forward Day by Day*, a daily guide to prayer and Scripture reading, for the period August-October are available at the back of the church. Please put an extra loonie on the collection plate to cover the cost of a copy. Thank you.

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 12, 2018

8:30 a.m. SAID EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Fr. Philip

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The Collect (*see leaflet inside*)

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalms 130 (*see leaflet inside*)

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

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Homily: the Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan

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Blessing and Dismissal.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
by Sylvia Hobson
in thanksgiving for her family, Lindsey & Glen, and Philip.*

The Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday -Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Mattins
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.' The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!' *2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33*

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 4: 25—5:2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' *John 6:35, 41-51*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this Eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this Eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.