



ST. BRIDE'S

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St. Bride's Newsletter



Fall 2023



“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others”

Romans 12: 4-5



Back to Church Sunday

On September 24th, we Celebrated “Back to Church” Sunday. This day is an opportunity for the church family to reconnect again after summer vacation; to come together as a community in worship and fellowship. It is also an opportunity to reach out to folks we haven’t seen in church in a while and invite them back. Or maybe even to invite someone new to come and see what we are all about.

Our worship included music led by our Praise Team under the guidance of our new Contemporary Music Leader, Praveen Bhatt.

Following the service, our church family met on the lawn for an awesome Picnic/BBQ. There was plenty of good food and conversation, outdoor music and games for the kids. We even had a bouncy castle.

A great time was had by all.





The Dublin Choir

In 2018, members of our St Bride's Choir (augmented with some additional members), travelled to Cambridge, UK to sing at the Ely Cathedral. This summer we travelled once again - this time to the ancient Anglican Cathedral of St. Patrick in Dublin, Ireland. The responsibilities were similar – supporting their worship services for the week in July that we were there. Many tourists stopped to listen to our rehearsals while they visited the Cathedral and some stayed on for the service, so every afternoon the services were well-attended.

Both in Ely and Dublin, the choir offered a local benefit concert. In 2018 the choir sang at Great Saint Mary's Church in Cambridge. This year the concert was in support of repairs to the school associated with the parish church of Monkstown, a delightful town on the seaside just south of Dublin.

When we returned, we re-created the Dublin concert right here at St. Bride's and raised money for The Compass.



Irish Shenanigans - Limericks

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On the last night of our choir trip, we held a closing dinner, and I challenged a few choristers to present witty limericks. In between poems, we sang a refrain from a popular Irish ballad that we learned for our Monkstown concert. See the next page for some creations





Dublin Shenanigan Limericks

Some Choir Favourites

There once was a leader named Arthur
 Who took choirs to Ely and farther.
 At first so unsure,
 But with time we endured,
 And now we can chant with great ardor!
 ♪ Alive, alive oh
 Alive, alive oh
 Crying cockles and mussels
 Alive, alive oh ♪



We held a concert by the sea
 Where Arthur implored "Please
 Look at me!"
 We heard his plea, and
 Followed his lead,
 Monkstown delighted indeed!
 ♪ Alive, alive oh
 Alive, alive oh
 Crying cockles and mussels
 Alive, alive oh ♪

There once was a maestro so cunning
 Whose postludes were haunting and
 stunning.
 His fingers would fly,
 His genius applied,
 And now his playing we're loving!
 ♪ Alive, alive oh
 Alive, alive oh
 Crying cockles and mussels
 Alive, alive oh ♪



St Bride's Garden - a Gift of Giving

Rosemary Helmer and Heather Lowe have been leading the work on the St Bride's Herb and Vegetable Garden. Here are some pics that tell the story tell the story.

Our garden is an important extension of our commitment to The Compass, and Rosemary and Heather are very diligent in the care of all the herbs and vegetables! A lot of people have helped with this project.

We have made great growing strides and had tremendous delivery support from Don Bean, Brian Dixon and Rick & Jan Penton to get our yields down to The Compass to be offered in The Market Store and used by the Chefs who make meals for Compass events. The Compass is delighted with all we send because it helps to meet the ever-increasing need of Compass clients.





Donating to The Food Bank

a thoughtful note

NOTE: In all the years I have donated food at the Holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted, but have never asked. I am glad I did. If you are helping a Family this Christmas, maybe this can help you tailor it more. I know most banks require foods that will not perish, but just the same, some good ideas/suggestions here I think if this is helpful in any way. Thank you Clara for passing this along to me. - Diane Huba.

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.



Indwell Groundbreaking



The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Indwell residences on Lakeshore near Lorne Park took place Nov. 10th. It was a lovely gathering of those who have supported those in need in our community for many years. From Politicians to community members and clergy from the area, everyone gathered in sunshine with smiles on their faces!

Just a reminder that we will gather on January 21st at 4pm at Clarkson Community Church to pray for this project and learn more from those at Indwell as to the next steps.

Please keep this project and those it will help in your prayers.

Rev Jillian



York University Gospel Choir

The House was Hoppin’



Thanks to everyone who helped plan the York University Choir Concert Event on November 19th and make it such a resounding success. Including the choir itself, there were about 220 people in the church raising their hands, their hearts and their voices to God. Thanks also to all who attended and brought guests along with them!

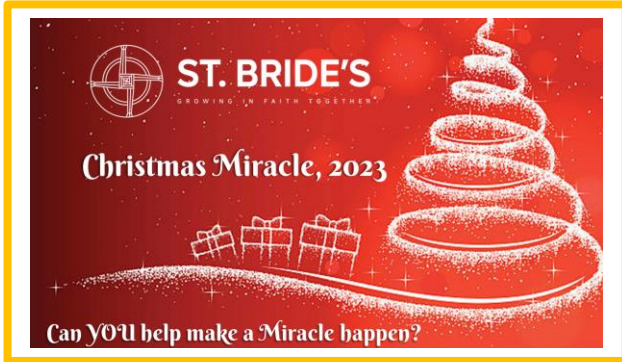


Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed

On Sunday December 3rd, six young people and three adults will confirm their faith with laying on of hands from our Bishop Kevin Robertson. This group has been attending preparation classes with Reverend Jillian for the past month and are excited to share this important step in their faith journey with the St. Bride’s family. Congratulations to: Eilidh Kingston, Noah McKenna, Isaiah Salik, Gabriel and Sebastian Samuel, Olivia Warren, Jacqueline and Julia Mustafa and Brenda Wigle.



Christmas Season at St. Bride's



Can YOU help make a Miracle happen?

Once again this year, St. Bride's is helping those in need in our community via the Christmas Miracle. Under the guidance of Hanna Davis, parishioners can sign up to donate to our families on December 3rd and 10th.

Packing and delivering will happen on Saturday December 16th. Thanks so much to the generosity of all.

Advent Study Series



On Wednesdays in Advent, St. Bride's will be hosting a Bible study on the Book of Romans led by our own Nancy Phillips. For four Wednesdays starting November 29th, join us! There will be a service of Holy Communion at 11:30 am and the study will follow from 12pm - 1pm

Christmas Services

Sunday December 17 ◆ **Lessons & Carols Service**
7:30PM **The miraculous story in scripture and music**

Monday December 18 ◆ **A Quiet Christmas Service**
7:00 PM **For those who find the Christmas season difficult**

Sunday December 24 ◆ **Christmas Eve Services**
8:30 & 10 **Regular Sunday Services**
5:00 PM **Christmas Pageant & Family Service**
7:00 PM **Christmas Holy Communion**

Monday December 25 ◆ **Christmas Day Service**
9:00 AM **Christmas Holy Communion**



Please Pray



- For all those experiencing homelessness especially now, in winter months
- For families who have experienced loss and are mourning loved ones
- For those trying to survive in war torn Gaza
- For reconciliation and peace within families
- For an attitude of gratitude this holiday season
- For missionaries at home and abroad

Strategic Initiatives Building & Grounds

We are making progress! **Many thanks to all those who have contributed** since we began implementation of our strategic projects in spring 2022.

Now we are focussing our attention on carefully planning possible improvements to the fellowship room, servery and nursery. The goal is to make these areas more functional, more welcoming, and suitable for multi purpose use. We will bring the team's ideas and plans to pre vestry/vestry early in the new year for congregational discussion. Before we move forward with any of this work, congregational approval is needed.

Please continue to keep this project in your prayers, as our dedicated team continues to work. Also, if you have any ideas, questions, or comments you can send them to strategy@churchofstbride.com

Fiona Mitchell

Church of St. Bride 2023 YTD Income and Expenses vs Budget (as of October 2023)

| INCOME | YTD October | YTD BUDGET | OVER/(UNDER) |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Total Offerings | 289,605 | 291,230 | (1,625) |
| Other Income | 80,122 | 85,487 | (5,365) |
| Total Income | 369,727 | 376,717 | (6,990) |

| EXPENSES | YTD October | YTD BUDGET | OVER/(UNDER) |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Total Expenses | 439,804 | 424,445 | 15,359 |
| Capital Fund Donations | 11,256 | | |
| Strategic Planning Fund | 1,580 | | |