



St. Paul's Cathedral
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CATHEDRAL SERVICES

As announced in the last News Bulletin, services are being held at St. Paul's Cathedral **on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.** **Advance registration** is required by telephoning the Cathedral Office at 306-522-6439 **no later than noon on the Friday before the service.** Registrants must give a disclaimer that they have not knowingly been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and that they are without any symptoms of COVID-19. Mask use is mandatory – please bring your own mask. Form of service is Morning Prayer from the Book of Alternative Services. **It will also be LIVEstreamed on Facebook –** <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsAnglicanCathedralRegina>



Here's what you'll see when entering the Cathedral: directional arrows have been placed on the aisle floors in the nave; alternate pews are blocked off; pews where seating is permitted are clearly marked and numbered.

Greeters will direct you to a numbered pew, which will be your seat for the service. Single attendees are asked to sit at either end of the pew. Household groups of up to five may sit together, if registered at the same time. Each seat will be mapped and recorded by greeters, with attendance information kept for four weeks.

Please maintain physical distancing at all times. Children must remain with their caregivers. There will be no singing, hugging, shaking hands, or passing the peace. There will be no passing of a collection plate. Offerings may be made electronically or by mail.

At the conclusion of the service, exiting will be through the front of the church and out the office foyer doors, maintaining physical distance.

 Resumption of the ***Bible Study*** series has been postponed until the New Year, advises coordinator **Bill Stahl.**

Vestry Report ***by Jim Melville***

St. Paul's Vestry met through video-conferencing on September 15. The meeting, excellently chaired by Dave Hedlund, was well attended by members of Vestry and a number of good discussions ensued. A summary of the key points follows:

Dean & Wardens

- In-person Morning Prayer services took place on Sundays, September 6 and 13. People continue to be asked to contact the office by noon on Friday if they wish to attend, but in some instances we are able to accommodate a few last-minute attendees. The service is live-streamed; while there have been problems with the sound quality of the broadcast, improvements will be made.
- For the time being, St. Paul's is not in a position to consider recommencing facility rentals. The possibility of opening to outside users will be considered further in coming months.
- Dean Mike Sinclair will be taking a leave of absence during the month of October. Associate priest the Rev. Ed Dunfield will fill in for the Dean through that period.

Finances

The Treasurer reported that in August identifiable offerings dropped by approximately \$5,000 from the amount received in July. Year-to-date offerings are in line with the 2019 amount. While the Cathedral is still in a reasonable surplus situation for 2020, parishioners who have not signed up for pre-authorized payment are encouraged to remember the financial needs of the church. Vestry discussed the 2021 budget. 2021 will likely be another unusual year, with major fundraising events like Strawberry Fair being significantly reduced at best. Initial budget suggestions will be discussed at the October meeting.

Building in Faith (BIF) financial report to the end of August: a \$30,000 lump sum payment was made toward the mortgage in February. While donations have decreased over the last couple of years, with the current amount received mortgage payments are able to be fully covered without transfers from the Cathedral's operating account. At the end of August, there was approximately \$525,000 remaining on the mortgage. In six years, more than half of the original mortgage amount has been repaid.

Building

The Cathedral has entered into a cleaning contract with a private individual operator. The contract allows for approximately 15 hours of services per week with well-defined responsibilities. This person was initially contracted to clean the facility in preparation for reopening and did an excellent job.

The next Vestry meeting will be held by Zoom on October 20. Parishioners are encouraged to contact the Wardens or any Vestry member if there are questions or concerns.



The refinished chancel flooring gleams under our new lighting system.
Thanks to Fr. Ed Dunfield for masterminding both operations!

News of Choir Members by Margaret Ball

Muriel Burnett, retired from the choir, lives in her own home. She has no internet connection, so she and I have been keeping in touch on a weekly basis by telephone and through “snail mail.” Like all of us, she is missing being able to attend church services.

Alice Ohashi and **Jan Fleming**, both retired choir members, are living in the same senior care facility. They have been playing Scrabble a few evenings a week. Alice and Jan get together with Roy, Alice’s husband, and another resident of the care facility, which has provided some private bus tours within the city for the residents. These rides have also included places outside the city

Alan Denike has been golfing once a week. Up to the end of June, he had one bassoon student and is now trying to organize what to do with the Youth Orchestra during this coming season. **Janice Denike** was busy with virtual teaching and coaching piano students for examinations and now has been teaching students in person while it is safer and allowed. Both Alan and Janice have been staying close to home, going for long walks together in the evenings and enjoying their garden. They enjoy getting news of the congregation through the News Bulletin and send their love to all their Christian family at St. Paul’s.

Greg Magirescu has moved from Regina to Vancouver. We will miss his tenor voice and his expert musicality.

Last of a series

Your Financial Support Is Needed

Your continued financial support to St. Paul's Cathedral is needed. Contributions can be mailed directly to the Cathedral. OR donate or contribute through our website address using the *Donate* button and following the instructions provided; these donations are automatically deposited and you will receive a tax receipt immediately. OR consider signing up for the Pre-Authorized Payment plan: simply call or send an email to make the necessary arrangements; the PAP plan can be changed or cancelled at any time. All contact information is listed below.

News of The Royal Regina Rifles

Since 1978 St. Paul's Cathedral has been the regimental church of The Royal Regina Rifles, the city's much-decorated army reserve infantry unit. The colours of the regiment's predecessor battalions from the First World War are preserved in the south transept above the choir pews. Normally members and veterans of the regiment attend services at the Cathedral twice a year, on Remembrance Sunday and on the Sunday closest to June 6, "D-Day," date of the Normandy landings in France leading to the end of the Second World War.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the 2020 D-Day service could not take place. There was also to be a "change of command," when a new commanding officer takes over leadership of the unit. It was hoped that these events could be rescheduled for the end of September, but that was not to be; instead there will be a "virtual" change of command ceremony on September 26. Canon (and Major ret'd) **Michael Jackson**, honorary padre of the regiment, represented the Cathedral on August 20 at a welcoming reception for the incoming commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel **Kyle Clapperton**. He lives in Calgary and will be commuting into town to perform his duties. We say farewell to the present commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel **Stacy Grubb**, who is retiring from the Canadian Forces. LCol Grubb has strongly supported the regiment's connection with the Cathedral and we wish him well.

News Bulletin Contributions

We'd be glad to receive contributions, comments and questions for the News Bulletin. Please send them to dmichaeljackson@sasktel.net Photos are welcome.

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