



# NewsLetter

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## Summer Message



This summer and fall we work our way through the Gospel of Luke and consider some of Luke's distinct stories, like the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Samaria plays an important role as the backdrop to these stories. Jesus has set his face towards Jerusalem, and he and the disciples are taking the

most direct route, passing through the hostile land of Samaria. The stories this summer focus on the neighbour, the mission to non-Jewish would-be followers. They challenge us to ask, "who is my neighbour" and what would it look like to show mercy and compassion to my neighbour and invite them into the life of Christ.

We also have a chance to live into these stories this summer and fall. Peter Shephard helped craft an application for a York-Scarborough grant and we were awarded \$3,000 to continue various projects that help us connect with our neighbours. We've been invited to partner with the Church of the Transfiguration to host an outdoor Movie Night on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Looking ahead, we'll host our annual community BBQ on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and host a Blessing of the Animals in conjunction with St Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We also have funds to support continued PA Day camps and other initiatives that offer faith formation to children and families in our neighbourhood. I invite you to take part, lend a hand when you can, and most importantly, find the courage to invite someone new to come and see what God is up to in this community. Invite someone to join you Sunday morning or at one of our community events. Invite them into something bigger – the new life we find in Christ.

*The Rev'd Megan Jell*

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# A Summary of General Synod

General Synod 2019 brought three important issues before the Church: Indigenous self-determination, the proposed revision of the marriage canon, and a primate election as well as other concerns in the life of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In a speech that stirred emotional reactions, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, apologized on behalf of the national church for spiritual harm done to Indigenous peoples.

Delivering his apology to the gathering of General Synod July 11, Hiltz laid out a confession of the ways the Anglican church demonized, dismissed and actively discouraged traditional Indigenous spiritual practices.

“For such shameful behaviours, I am very sorry. We were so full of our own self-importance. To quote the *Book of Common Prayer*, we followed ‘too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.’ We were ignorant. We were insensitive. We offended you. And I believe we offended God.”

Also in regard to our indigenous peoples, in an historic vote, General Synod decided almost unanimously July 12 to approve changes to Canon XXII that enable a self-determining Indigenous church within the Anglican Church of Canada, and to bestow the title of Archbishop upon National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald, a position which now ranks among the metropolitans.

As you have probably heard, the proposed revision of the marriage canon was narrowly defeated in the House of Bishops. It needed to pass with a two-thirds majority in all three Houses - lay, clergy, bishops. There was much pain upon the announcement of the vote. Subsequently, there was a statement from the House of Bishops. A document entitled "A Word to the Church" was passed by the Council of General Synod in March 2019. A link to the document is here: <https://www.anglican.ca/.../a-word-to-the-church-co.../30023889/>. This document summarizes a way forward.



Linda Nicholls, the Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, was elected as the next primate, or head, of the Anglican Church of Canada. She will become the first woman to hold this position in the ACoC and only the second female primate in the Anglican Communion.

Speaking shortly after the election, Bishop Linda said: “you have bestowed on me an honour that I can hardly imagine, and it is terrifying. But it is also a gift, to be able to walk with the whole of the Anglican Church of Canada from coast to coast to coast.”

Bishop Linda plays an active role in the leadership of the Anglican Communion. She is a member of ARCIC and is part of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Primates’ Task Group on restoring relationships in the Anglican Communion.

We at St Augustine's have been privileged to know Linda as she filled in several times from 2006 to 2008 when John Hill was incumbent and Linda was employed by the National Church and so had Sundays available.

There was much media coverage - especially surrounding the Marriage Canon - but you may wish to go to [www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca) to read the official coverage.



## 2019 Pride Parade



This year, Megan, Andrew, and Abby Jull walked in the Toronto Pride Parade, representing St. Augustine's. Over 100 Proud Anglicans marched and rode the float, bearing witness to both a loving God and affirming church communities. Our area bishop, Bishop Kevin Robertson and his family marched as did the Bishop of Toronto and the Bishop of Trent Durham.

Thanks to Wayne Johnson who volunteered with Proud Anglicans, serving water to parade partici-

pants. The weather cooperated, but it is always a long, hot wait to get started and the water station is a gift of hospitality to all those waiting in line. Looking forward to next year's parade – hope you can join us.

## BBQ & Bible Study

The tradition continues! On Wednesday nights, we've been gathering for a shared meal on the grill and conversation and worship. Susan Smandych has entered into some new leadership roles in the parish. You might remember that she was commissioned as a lay anointer and offered healing ministry for the first time on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She's also a student at Trinity College and this summer, she is leading our Bible Study sessions. The focus is Images of the Holy Land. Susan is pairing scripture passages and stories of Jesus with particular locations and sharing with us images from her trip there. We're considering familiar stories, with particular attention to location and landscape and how those components shape the story and continue to impact Christians and pilgrims who visit those sites. If you haven't tried it yet, come out any Wednesday evening in August at 6pm. We meet in the carousel. Thanks to Susan for all her hard work and thanks to the BBQ hosts who are managing the meals while Megan is on vacation.





## Kay Pankhurst's 103<sup>rd</sup>!

Kay Pankhurst can remember when people worshipped in the basement of the Northlea school and she's a founding member of what would become our parish of St. Augustine's. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, she celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday and a number of people from St. Augustine's went to visit her and host a little party. We were also able to provide transportation to her nephew, Keith Pankhurst, so that he could attend the event. Thanks to Jamie for organizing the event and providing the birthday treats of cupcakes, ice cream, and lemonade.

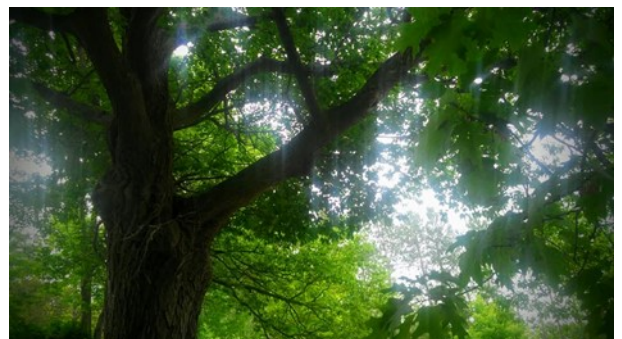




## From Susan Smandych

As part of my ongoing studies for a Masters of Theological Studies (MTS) at Trinity College, earlier this summer I opted to take an elective course called “A Journey Through History: The Jesuit Missions in Early Modern Canada” located ‘off campus’ at the Canadian Martyrs’ Shrine near Midland, just a few hours north of Toronto. As you may be aware, Canada's early modern history includes apostolic labours of Jesuit missionaries who ministered to both a vast number of First Nations peoples, and to a fledgling community of French settlers. Their efforts, chronicled in the *Jesuit Relations*, came to life in this intensive five-day course taught, in situ, at the heart of the former Wendat (Huron) Nation, where a group of nine students, facilitated by a Jesuit priest (who is also the Director of the Canadian Martyrs’ Shrine), examined how Jesuit religious worldview shaped the missionaries' understanding of the 'New World', First Nations, and evangelisation during the earliest period in Canada's ecclesiastical history. The comprehensive, experiential learning included an archaeological visit; introduction to traditional Wendat Spirituality; visit to a pre-Christian Wendat village; visit to the Sainte-Marie among the Hurons re-constructed historical site; a guided tour and experience of the Canadian Martyrs’ Shrine; and finally a (rainy) walking pilgrimage to the Martyrdom Site of St. Jean de Brébeuf and St. Gabriel Lalemant. It was a profound and humbling experience to be where the “blood of the martyrs sowed seeds of faith” and an incredibly rich learning opportunity. Here are just a few of the photos I took during the week. For more information about the Shrine, please visit [www.martyrs-shrine.com](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com) (or better yet, go visit in person, albeit amongst the tens of thousands of pilgrims!) - or if you would like to hear more about the course, please let me know.

*Blessings—R. Susan Smandych*





## Turning 4 Fore!!! Toys



To mark the anniversary of my stem cell transplant, I throw an annual fundraiser to celebrate with family, friends, colleagues AND charitable organizations including SickKids, Princess Margaret Hospital, Canadian Blood Services and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada. This year being year Fore!!!, the theme is golf. Parties come bearing gifts fit for a four year old. All toys collected (not necessarily golf related) are donated to SickKids and [PMH](#). Last year, we collected over 600 toys for kids battling cancer.

Turning 4 Fore!!! Toys takes place on Tuesday August 27 from 6-10 pm @Bisha Hotel, which is located at 80 Blue Jays Way in Toronto. If you can't make it feel free to drop off a toy at the church.

*Tom Wong*

## “Many Hands” Garden Party

On Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>, after the 10 am service, a contingent of parishioners came and enjoyed an afternoon of gardening at St. Augustine's! This is our 2nd year to help maintain our lovely church garden and to take the pressure off of just one or two individuals. A BBQ lunch was provided for all workers.



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*Barb Goodbody*



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# ONE SMALL SACRIFICE

A THRILLER

HILARY DAVIDSON

Hilary Davidson, daughter of John and Sheila, and a former member of this parish who now lives in New York, published her fifth mystery novel with Thomas & Mercer this June. *One Small Sacrifice* is the first book in a new series, and a starred review from Library Journal said, "Fans of Karin Slaughter, Tana French, and Lisa Gardner will devour this new police procedural, which boasts a strong female detective and an intriguing antagonist. Sheryn [Sterling] will draw in readers, and Davidson's complex storytelling will keep them wanting more." Visit [www.hilarydavidson.com](http://www.hilarydavidson.com) for more details.



## St Augustine's Community BBQ

Sunday September 8  
12-2:30pm  
1847 Bayview Ave.

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time again!*

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# ***The Groove Room***

The next Groove Room is on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We take August off and return in September. All future Groove Room dates are on the calendar on our website. Come on out and support live music and the Flemington Park Food Bank. Admission is only \$5 and includes a beverage and homemade desserts.

*Mike Rapson*



## **Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6**

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