



CATHEDRAL CALLING

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Epiphany Issue

Message from Bishop Helen Kennedy



Bishop Helen and husband Stephen

Canon Robert Webster, in his sermon to the Diocese at the ordination service on 22nd January, spoke about the gathering of the faithful and pointed directly to the Cathedral's live-stream camera as he did so. Facebook counted over 2,100 views of the service. Of course we could never have fitted that many people in the building physically. Although I recognize this was a special occasion and many people were viewing because of their connection to the Diocese or because of their connection to me, it does tell me that we cannot ignore the impact technology is having in our worship services. There is much to do and to learn as this innovative delivery method becomes part of our norm. There is a fierce debate about the eucharistic feast and how online participation can either strengthen or weaken the churches' participation in community at such a poignant moment in the worship service.

Long before COVID, I remember a story that was told to me about a youth not wanting to attend church service with his family. He quite genuinely told his mother he would watch the local church service on the TV; to which she replied, "OK, good, and next time you are hungry, you can watch the McDonald's advert, and see if you are still hungry afterwards!"

Our physical participation as part of our worship has been so highly valued that COVID has put a spanner in the works and is making us rethink what "participation" means. If we only consider our physical presence as "participation," then we are excluding many who cannot either physically or psychologically be in a room with a good number of people. Yet, if physical presence were not necessary, we could get rid of all our church buildings and just watch one service online from the comfort of our own homes. For me neither one of those scenarios is preferable – therefore the debate continues.

My learning curve to the demands and joys of "the job" continues to be steep and will remain so for a while. I cannot adequately express the respect and admiration I have for Dean Mike Sinclair, who has not only administered the Diocese during an extremely difficult time, but also maintained his own Cathedral parish and busy family life to boot. His planning and preparation of the Consecration service, along with many in the Cathedral, was second to none. It made for the best time of celebration it could be under the current circumstances. I add my thanks to those from the Diocese for the work done by the Cathedral. BRAVO!

+ ***Helen***

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED
Services are livestreamed on Facebook on Sundays at 10:30a.m.
<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsAnglicanCathedralRegina>

Vestry Highlights, January 18 by *Dave Hedlund, Vestry Chair*

We are looking for an opportunity to discuss future priorities with parishioners and will arrange for a presentation and discussion as soon as COVID risks have subsided.

In the meantime, a discussion with other downtown churches about reinstating a weekend lunch program has begun. First Baptist Church is coordinating a pilot program, which will be run out of their building on Victoria Avenue. Other churches are planning to assist and we would like to see St. Paul's Cathedral participate.



Thanks to your generosity, revenues for both our general operations and the Building in Faith (BIF) program exceeded our expenses and obligations in 2021. The surplus amounts were over \$14,000 for St. Paul's Cathedral operations and nearly \$18,000 for BIF. Many thanks to everyone who made this happen during a second year of challenging circumstances!

We have decided to hold **the 2022 Annual General Meeting via Zoom video conference on Sunday, February 13, at 12 noon.** We'll have a registration process and will provide assistance to anyone who needs help getting set up on Zoom. Materials will be circulated ahead of the meeting.

There will be considerable turnover on Vestry this year and our nominating committee has been busy approaching people to fill the various roles. Dedicated leaders have served the Cathedral well during the past two years and I very much appreciate the contributions that all the retiring members have made. My term on Vestry is also ending, so future Vestry Highlights reports will come your way from the next Vestry chairperson who will be elected in February.

Volunteers Needed for Regina Downtown Churches' Lunch Program

At the last Vestry meeting a presentation was made about an inter-denominational Saturday bag lunch program being offered downtown through the end of March. With our history of feeding programs, St. Paul's Cathedral has been asked to participate on one or two Saturdays of our choice through that period. Vestry was supportive of our participation, on condition that we are able to find one or two volunteers to coordinate our efforts. First Baptist Church has offered their facility as the site for preparation, welcoming and distribution of the bagged lunches. Detailed instructions for coordinators from the various participating churches (including a comprehensive shopping list) have been prepared by the organizing group. Each lunch requires a maximum of 10-12 volunteers in total to shop for groceries, prepare the lunches and to be on hand to distribute and welcome program participants.

If you are able to volunteer as a coordinator or helper in this worthwhile outreach project, please contact the Cathedral office for more details at 306-522-6439 or office@stpaulsregina.ca.

Special Services at the Cathedral

January 22 and 23 were momentous days for St. Paul's Cathedral. On the 22nd we were privileged to host the ordination and seating of the Venerable Helen Kennedy as 13th Bishop of Qu'Appelle. On the 23rd, Bishop Kennedy presided and preached at her first liturgy in the diocese: the Solemn Eucharist of the Conversion of St. Paul, our patronal festival and observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Due to the ongoing COVID situation, it was necessary to restrict in-person attendance at both services to a small number.



Episcopal ordination, January 22

From left to right,

**front row: Bishop William Cliff (Brandon), Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson (Metropolitan), Bishop Helen Kennedy, Archbishop Linda Nicholls (Primate), Bishop Chris Harper (Saskatoon), Bishop Adam Halkett (Saskatchewan-Missinippi).
second row: Canon Bob Webster, Dean Mike Sinclair, Rev. Michael Bruce, Archdeacon Catherine Harper, Rev. Ed Dunfield, Ms. Tannis Patterson, Deacon Susan Page.**

Many thanks to those from the Cathedral who assisted with the services: at the ordination, Dean Mike Sinclair seated the new bishop, Fr. Ed Dunfield was a crucifer, Tannis Patterson sub-deacon, and Susan Haacke camera operator; at the St. Paul's Day Solemn Eucharist, Canon Michael Jackson was deacon, Madison Engen sub-deacon, Gillian Engen thurifer, Pat Henneberg reader, and Graeme Henneberg camera operator.

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Your continued financial support to St. Paul's Cathedral is needed! Contributions can be mailed directly to the Cathedral OR *E-transfer contributions can be sent*. 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 plan can be changed or cancelled at any time. Contact information is listed at the end of the News Bulletin

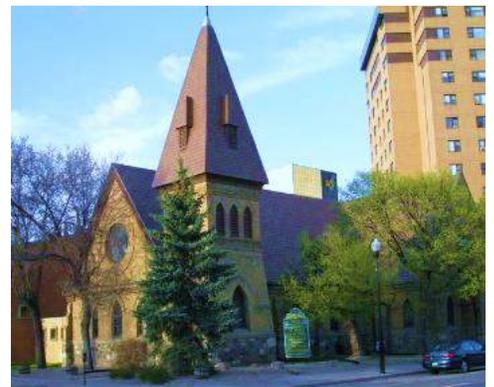
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