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*“Dear Zion,
don’t despair.
Your GOD is present among you,
a strong warrior there to save you.
Happy to have you back,
he’ll calm you with his love
and delight you with his songs.”*

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Volunteers gave of their time to make the recent annual barbecue a roaring success. Volunteering has always been a hallmark of this parish and as new members join this community this tradition has been passed on.

More recently the amazing reception following the Celebration of New Ministry for Father Dan's induction was organized and delivered by many dedicated volunteers.



*Our beautiful grounds,
flower beds and urns are
all cared for by volunteers
who weed, plant and water
throughout the Spring,
Summer and Fall.*

Did Y

When the leaves come down on November 18th Transfig volunteers will be joined by the families of the Cubs and Scouts and the dog walkers community, who enjoy our grounds, to rake and bag leaves. Yes, it is a wonderful event to get to know our neighbours and bag over 200 garden waste bags!





On December 2nd, volunteers from Transfig will cook and serve a meal for the **Out of the Cold community** at **Blythwood Baptist Church**. One day a week throughout the year, Transfig volunteers support Yorkminister Meals on Wheels to deliver meals to so many people who depend on this program.



Did you know that Kris Hamilton, our wonderful Music Director, is a talented artist?

The stunning acrylic gold and white painting hanging in the Narthex is done by Kris.

You Know?

by Kamalini & Patrick Dugan



Over the past seven or eight years,

there have been wide-ranging changes in the Nave and the Sanctuary, including the removal of many pews, the pulpit and the base panels of the rood screen. All of these items were made from solid red oak. This wood was carefully removed and stored. Have you ever wondered what happened to this wood?

The new altar, the additional communion rails and the base for the Paschal candle are all made of recycled pews. Also, all of the oak in the cabinets in the Chapel came from recycled pews. The screen in front of the organ is made of panels that once were part of the pulpit.

There is still some oak left over. Who knows what the next project will be!



by Rev. Dan Cranley,
Priest-in-Charge



Hello!

Well, I have arrived after a season of great anticipation, similar to Advent, the season that we are about to enter into together! And I am so very excited to be here as your Priest-in-Charge.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I've spent with many of you, hearing your stories and listening to what you are passionate about and what makes Transfiguration home for you!

It has been a wonderful and warm reception! Thank you!

Hello to the God of Welcome!

As we approach Advent, we recognize that we are an Advent people, the people of God who wait in anticipation for Emmanuel, the light of the world to come among us. It's a season of reflection, introspection, repentance, and anticipation together as a people of God. In that space, we are allowing the Spirit to crack us open so the divine light can more fully come into our lives and beings.

We all have those parts of us that need God's love, that need healing, peace, affirmation, purpose, or meaning spoken into us.

Hello to the God who speaks to those parts.

I have a metaphorical closet, if you will, that I feel God draws me into at seasons such as these. In our fast-paced culture, we often find ourselves experiencing things that we do not have the time to fully unpack or process. We place these experiences into boxes and onto the shelves of our souls: the good, the bad, and the ugly.

During Advent the Spirit calls us into our sacred closets, calls us to open some of those boxes and to prepare that space for the light and love to come.

Can you picture these boxes of your own? The things that need to be pulled out and unpacked with God?

Hello, to the Compassionate God who is with us as we unpack.

We unpack these things together as we enter into Advent as a faith community. The sense of divine togetherness is one of the things that is so evident to me about Church of

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the Transfiguration and really is a source of great strength! We strive to be a place of homecoming, belonging, and warmth to those around us. An exciting part of this vision is that it includes us!

This issue of Transcript highlights a few of your stories of how you arrived here and what has made this place a spiritual home for you. It also highlights a number of ministry moments, past, present, and future!

Hello to the God found in story!

Enjoy! I look forward to being with you and among you as priest and companion! ✚

Rev. Dan⁺



by Laura D'Angelo

My name is Laura and I am a teacher/guidance counsellor at an independent girls school in Toronto. I came to the Water's Edge in December 2015 as a dear friend recommended it; she knew that I was longing for a place to worship that would minister to my heart.

When I walked into the sanctuary, I was warmly welcomed and, as I settled in, I felt God's sweet and gentle presence there. Since then I have attended regularly. I have gotten to know others over the post service meal or during the set-up/clean-up. I have appreciated the opportunities to serve and that all ages are welcome. I have loved the enlightening Book Club conversations that draw members from both services.

Through these gatherings, and the Christian education courses, I've explored topics with other curious and passionate learners. These meaningful discussions have exposed me to new ideas, authors and much "food for thought." The Water's Edge gathering has been the community that my soul was yearning for. Each week, I come as I am, and my soul's thirst is quenched through the connections and relationships, teaching, liturgy, music, Eucharist and the beautiful community that gathers together. ✚

LAURA WILSON

Hi, I'm Laura. I and my family joined the Church of the Transfiguration in 1990 after living in the area for a few years. I felt a need to connect with the community so visited the church one Sunday.

I was warmly welcomed and felt an immediate bond with the new incumbent, the Rev Canon Alice Medcof. Soon after, Joe McBride visited us and David, my daughters and I began attending regularly. Samantha was baptized and confirmed, David became a Sidesman and Leanne helped in the nursery as I took turns with other parents teaching Sunday School.

This led to many other opportunities to commit to the parish and grow in faith: choir, ACW, The Forward Group and youth group retreats and activities. I became a member of the Women's Inter-church Council of Toronto and joined Mother Alice with other women of the parish when she became co-ordinator of the Inter-National Anglican Women's Network. This led to attending the UNCSW (The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women) in New York City.

We were welcomed into a small parish in the neighbourhood and connected with a faith community that circles the globe all due to the love and support of the Transfiguration family. Thank you! ✚



by Laura Wilson



by Brenda O'Connor,
Pastor to Children
& Families



Day Camp 2017!

This summer we welcomed 25 children from our neighbourhood, our parish, and from Little Lambs into our midst for our second summer day camp. With the help of many dedicated volunteers, together we read stories from the book of Acts and talked about the ways that God was at work in the early Church and continues to be at work in our world today.

Those who were able to attend our closing day camp service on Sunday, July 16th were witnesses of some of the highlights of our week together, including day camp songs, stories, crafts, dancing, and even a visit from our favourite woolly friend, "Lamb".

None of the successes of the week would have been possible without the dedicated work of so many from our midst. Behind the scenes, volunteers and ministry team members boiled hotdogs, prepped English muffin pizzas, cut tissue paper, collected recyclables, prayed for us, and even hosted our fantastic team of leaders from CrossTalk Ministries, Chelsea and Kelvin. To all those involved, we say a huge thank you! Without your prayers and support, our week would not have been possible ✝.



by Patti Ryan,
People's Warden



CHURCHWARDENS 101

A few years ago, when I was starting to think about ways to serve the community that had welcomed me so warmly, I had a basic but important question: What does a Churchwarden actually do? Hesitant to admit that I hadn't the foggiest sense of how lay leadership worked in an Anglican parish, I did what all good reference librarians are trained to do: I looked it up.

Canon 15 sets out all the provisions of the office of the churchwardens. Each year, at the annual meeting of Vestry, every parish designates two Churchwardens: one appointed by the Incumbent and the other elected by the lay members of Vestry. Together with the Incumbent, they form the legal corporation of the parish, and act jointly to oversee the "temporal affairs" (i.e. business) of the congregation. This triumvirate model has deep historic roots, dating as far back as the pre-reformation church in England. While finances and property are the main preoccupations of churchwardens, as with so many other roles in parish life, it's the "other duties as required" clause that keeps things interesting!

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This past year, Stephen Coates and I have been generously supported by four Deputy churchwardens — Jon Bradshaw, Kamalini Dugan, Susan Lloyd and Jenny Mackenzie — all of whom give generously of their time and talents to provide leadership in key areas of the Corporation's work, including: property, finance, and stewardship. We are also deeply grateful to Amanda, our Parish Administrator, who supports the work of the Corporation in innumerable ways.

Looking ahead to next year, discussions are underway for a stewardship campaign, and a continued emphasis on hospitality.

This year, a number of projects were deferred during the interim period, but the year was not without its share of highlights. We were delighted to welcome Rev. Dan on October 1st, and look forward to growing in faith under his care and leadership. The painting of the sanctuary and narthex were completed just in time for Dan's arrival, and we hope that the bold new colours have enriched your worship. We also welcomed a few new regular space users, including the Rooks to Cooks summer camp and the Little Kickers soccer club.

Looking ahead to next year, discussions are underway for a stewardship campaign, and a continued emphasis on hospitality. We are also beginning to identify priorities for property renewal, which are likely to include an evaluation of the heating system, and plans for refurbishing the downstairs kitchen. We look forward to continuing these conversations with all of you at parish-wide meetings throughout 2018. Finally, we are always looking for new people to get involved in lay leadership! If you have an interest in any of these areas, please speak to Rev. Dan or any of the wardens. ✚

Come Celebrate

Christmas

together this season!

Sunday, December 24th * Christmas Eve

Advent IV – 10:30am

Children's Christmas Service – 4pm

'Early' Christmas Service – 7pm

'Almost Midnight' Mass – 10:30pm

Monday, December 25th * Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist – 10:30am

Sunday, December 31st * New Year's Eve

Lessons and Carols – 10:30am

Love Feast – 5pm



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THIS CHRISTMAS

- let's spread the joy and celebrate together.

We invite you to one of our many Christmas events at Transfiguration this season. And we encourage you to invite someone new to be part of the celebration as well - maybe a family member, friend or co-worker. Because you can't run out of Christmas by sharing it around.

It truly is, the more the merrier!

