



## **THANKSGIVING 2022**

### **Rector's Thanksgiving Message**

Thanksgiving is probably my favourite time of the year. I enjoy the autumn colours, crispness of the air, the harvest hymns and the aromas of the Thanksgiving feast! But this year, as we share a meal, I especially look forward to renewing my connection with the people I love most, some whom I've not seen for some time.

Sharing a meal was important to Jesus because it provided an opportunity to be with family, deepen friendships, welcome strangers and serve those in need. It was a chance to remind his disciples of his great love for them as he commanded them to live a life of love, service, and gratitude.

Gratitude is definitely the foundation of the Christian life and Thanksgiving gives us a special time to consider the amazing happenings in our lives, and give thanks. When times are good, there is always something for which to be thankful. But when things are difficult, you must push deeper to find one thing that makes you grateful: possibly the abundant harvest, the earth's good, our connection with nature, the blue of the sky, a friend's kind word, or a word of prayer or verse of scripture.

Blessings of all kinds are constantly hovering around us, eager to show us life's beauty that God has provided and we are urged to share. During this Thanksgiving season, I hope you can gather with your loved ones. As you celebrate the coming of autumn, enjoy harvest hymns, the fragrant smells, give grateful thanks to God and as you rejoice, ponder how you can help those who do not enjoy their share of the good things of the earth!

I pray God will bless each of you.

Happy Thanksgiving, Nick +



### **THE RECTOR'S APPEAL 2022**

The Rector's Appeal is needed for maintaining our House of God, which is the Church of Ascension. Although Andrew Gledhill and his team of dedicated volunteers help to keep the repair costs down and the gardens looking beautiful, we still need to raise \$70,000. The major expenditures include: roof reshingling-\$38,341 plumbing repairs-\$3,634 driveway potholes-\$3,842 outside door rekeying-\$2,865 floor repainting-\$2,450 air compressor repair-\$1,842 eavestroughs-\$8,708 church LED relighting-\$8,140. Whether you own, lease, or rent, you know there are always costs for maintaining your property. Maintaining our church is no different, just on a grander scale. As you pray and are thankful during this Thanksgiving season, please consider donating to the Rector's Appeal for 2022. Thank you. Nick +

## NEW TITLE FOR ASCENSION'S NEWSLETTER

**THANK YOU** to everyone who submitted their title choice for our newsletter.

Ascension Chronicles - 9	Ascension Advisor - 0	Ascension Advocate - 3
<b>Ascension Times - 10</b>	Ascension Digest - 3	Ascension Journal - 6



## FOODBANK DONATION

Greyson Escandon, age six a grade one student, presented an envelope with \$700 cash as a Foodbank donation. It was all his idea, during the lockdown, to create an online bake sale to help those in need. Greyson with Bill Hullah, Fr. Nick and his mother Chrystal.

### **WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY**

#### **THE PSALMS** (Prayers of the Heart)

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12 noon

October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15

Everyone is invited to join us for 1 session or for all 5

## ANGEL TREE OUTREACH

How can you share the joy of Christmas with a family in our community in need of our support? By participating in our annual Angel Tree Outreach! Beginning Sunday, November 20th, for every \$20 donation a white angel will be hung on our special "Angel Tree". Thank you and God bless you for your donations which may be made online or by a cheque marked "Angel Tree."





## **NEEDED FOR MARCH 2023** **NEW TREASURER & BOOKKEEPER**



Helen Emanuel has been performing the very important Treasurer role for our Parish for 4 years. Her term will be completed at our next Vestry Meeting on February 19, 2023. If you, or if you know someone interested in fulfilling either of these two ministries in our church, please speak with Fr. Nick or one of the Wardens.

## **MEET CHRIS & BOB HORNE**

Because Ascension played an important part in our family life over many years, Bob and I are delighted to be "home" once again. As a child I emigrated from Scotland with my parents, and later married Bob and moved to Don Mills. Our four children were all baptized and confirmed at Ascension. Bob became very involved with Thompson House/Taylor Place (now Better Living) and is still an active member of their board. The Bishop appointed him as Diocesan representative on the boards of St Paul L'Amoureux Centre, where he continues to serve diligently. Bob was presented with The Bishop's Award for Faithful Service by Bishop Finlay and later received the Order of the Diocese of Toronto.

Before attending Trinity College to pursue a Master of Divinity degree and being ordained in 1996, both Bob and I held numerous lay positions in the parish. I had the honour of marrying my children to their spouses and baptize all five of our grandchildren. I have been privileged to serve the people of Christ the King in Etobicoke, as incumbent of both The Church of the Apostles in North York and St. Luke East York. After officially retiring I served as interim priest in charge of St. Timothy's Agincourt, St. David's Donlands, St. Andrew Scarborough and The Church of Our Saviour. I am so very thankful for Father Nick's invitation to become an honorary assistant at Ascension. We both look forward to getting to know the parish family members at Ascension.

## Congregation Meeting to Discuss **Vision & Plan**

Saturday, November 12  
10 am - 12 noon  
In-person meeting  
All are invited



## IN MEMORIAM

Earnest Rees February 25  
Carol Kapitany April 16  
John Cunningham June 23  
Josie Gibbs-Kennet August 2  
*May they rest in peace*

**Café 65 Reopens**  
Thursday, Oct 6, 2022  
12 noon to 2pm



**Lunch (noon) & Entertainment – \$10**

**“Hits of the 50’s & 60’s”**

**Singers, Joe Zambri and Martin O’Boyle**

Must be vaccinated to attend. We ask that you make reservations  
by 9 am Monday, Oct 3, 2022 – by email: [cafe65connections@gmail.com](mailto:cafe65connections@gmail.com)  
or call church office: 416-444-8881.

**Food, Fellowship and Fun – Bring Your Friends and Enjoy!**  
Church of the Ascension – 33 Overland Drive Don Mills

**CAFÉ 65** was enthusiastically launched (Jan 2016) as a welcoming place for Don Mills seniors to meet, have lunch and socialize. It was soon confirmed that the idea served a distinct need for personal connection. Not only did fellowship abound among guests but a great camaraderie built up among the dedicated volunteers who put on the programs. These twice-monthly lunch and musical entertainment events were attended by about 100 people by early 2020! The pandemic necessitated a switch from in-person events to a new online newsletter, *Café 65 CONNECTIONS*.

**Now we are pleased to reopen Café 65. For an uplifting afternoon, reserve your seat and come join us on October 6<sup>th</sup>! Help us ensure Café 65’s lasting success - spread the word to others!**

### Harvest Thanksgiving Lunch

Sunday, October 16, 2022 – 12 noon

Church Hall - after 10:30 am church service

Please make reservations for this event: 416-444-8881

Tickets: \$10 each (children & youth under 18 – Free)

**Proceeds for New Roof Fund**

Generously Sponsored by Revera Retirement Living  
Donway Place & Don Mills Seniors’ Apartments – 416-445-7555

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a caring Anglican Church, joyously seeking to grow God’s love and to demonstrate the greatness of Jesus by meeting the needs of our diverse community through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Submissions for the *Ascension Times* (Christmas Edition) must be in by November 30, 2022. Send to [toot@interlog.com](mailto:toot@interlog.com) or [ascension@ca.inter.net](mailto:ascension@ca.inter.net) or drop it off at the Church Office.

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