

**Emmanuel Anglican Church**  
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***SUMMER NEWSLETTER***



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***Message from The Reverend Simone Hurkmans***

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:1-4, NRSV

We hear this familiar passage each year at Pentecost. What’s it like to hear it this year? We’re cautiously optimistic about COVID and our Diocese has now entered the Green phase of its plan. Where is the Spirit in this new phase of our community’s life? Emmanuel has been through many transitions over the last few years, and we’re wondering what’s next. The key is to trust that the Spirit continues to walk with us through it all, our ups, our downs, and our uncertainties. We are not unlike those early believers who weren’t too sure what was next either. But just as Jesus had promised, God’s Spirit came to them and gave them incredible gifts. Gifts used to care for and serve others. And that’s what I believe God is calling us to as well. Listening for the times when God’s Spirit is near, enabling us to help and serve others as best we can. My family and I are so pleased to be able to walk alongside you this summer as we navigate this continued uncertainty. I look forward to worship, fellowship and fun as we enjoy some warmer weather and welcoming back folks who’ve been away for some time.

Please reach out to me anytime with pastoral concerns or just to chat. I can be reached by phone call or text at 613-864-5310.

Rev. Simone+



***Message from the WARDENS:***

**Psalm 118 – verse 14 : The Lord is my strength and my song and He has become my salvation.**

How true and comforting these words of the psalmist do apply to these past, almost past, and ‘nearly there’ post pandemic times of our time together , since Christmas, at Emmanuel.

Christmas Eve and Day we were able to worship in our Emmanuel home with Canon Christine leading us in joyful praise and thanksgiving –  
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Back to lockdown – and phone calls-and isolation – until Charlotte got us all ‘going again’ with ZOOM and each Sunday again had significance as the “day our Lord became our strength and song” for another week- such strength came to us all as we met from our homes (coffee and pyjama comfort for some-and warm climes and sunny days for others). Canon Christine continued to inspire us with her scholarly and significant Good News with each Service of the Word and attendance averaged 25 plus each Sunday.

Many of us found “strength and salvation” by attending, again electronically, services in other parts of our Diocese as well – our Lord has greatly enhanced our ‘techy abilities’ during this trying time.

Your representatives on the Shape of Ministry Consultation in our Ottawa Diocese met for Stage 2 – which is now completed and submitted to the panel for further review and decision making. Exciting times in the life of our parish of Emmanuel are just a short distance down the road and we will keep you posted and encourage your comments and opinions as these opportunities occur.

Annual Vestry was well attended - yes by ZOOM and we thank you all for your continued support and participation. Finances are still in poor shape. Stewardship Campaign Coming.

We are saddened and concerned , as in early March – we were beginning to think of her , “Our dear Canon Christine” found it necessary to retire, due to health issues. We miss her and hold very fond memories of her tie with us and are most sure “the Lord is her strength and her song and has/will become her salvation.”

From those few dark moments “our strength and our song” was greatly increased with Interim Priest, Reverend Rick Durrett. Emmanuel was blessed again. Praise the Lord and our Ottawa Anglican Diocese for such a rapid and positively effective Interim Priest.

Time at Emmanuel is gradually getting back to normal (whatever that is).

We have a new Parish Administrator and she is in the Office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9:00 am – noon. (So very welcome, Karen Ann McKinna) Rev. Rick has been there too, as well as your wardens Charlotte and Helen. We are just a phone call away...

Happy Easter to all! As the psalm for Easter Day concludes Psalm 118, verse 24  
“On this day the Lord has acted. We will rejoice and be glad in it.”



## **A month later!!! Continued from your Wardens**

Rev. Rick Durrett made Easter live and Live very well at Emmanuel this year – attendance was fair, collection way down from previous years ...

And we had another couple of great Sundays with Rev. Rick. He is now serving in the Parish of the Valley (Pembroke, Cobden, Eganville area), planned before his fill in time at Emmanuel – and we look forward to seeing Rev. Rick, Gillian, and Shirley Anne in Emmanuel pews again for many years to come. Their Roddy's Bay residence makes Emmanuel their home church.

And it was so great to have the Reverend Canon Roger Young with us for two Sundays. He said it felt as if seven years had been a dream and he was back home in beautiful Emmanuel.

Both Rev Rick and Canon Roger provided services at the Grove Nursing Home in April and May, respectively – and as well Rev. Rick took home Communion to several members of the congregation during the early Easter season.

And now we are enjoying the ministry of the Reverend Simone Hurkmans!

Here is a brief bio taken from the wardens' letter to the congregation at St. Alban the Martyr and St. Bernard de Clairvaux where Rev. Simone previously served.

“Simone was ordained in the Diocese of Ottawa in 2017 and has served as the Assistant Curate and the Associate Incumbent of the Parish of All Saints Westboro. During her time there she became a much loved and enthusiastic pastor who demonstrated competence, creativity and strength in leadership and in ministry.

Prior to completing a Master of Divinity at St. Paul University in 2017, Simone obtained an Honours Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo in 2002. She spent ten years working as a professional engineer and manager in the automotive and renewable energy fields and had the opportunity to travel internationally to represent Canada on global safety and regulations and research committees, and to sit on Boards of Directors for national research organisations. In addition to her extensive ministry at All Saints Westboro, Simone serves on Diocesan council and the Real Estate Working Group. Simone is married to John and they have two daughters and a son.”

In a recent email to Emmanuel Wardens Reverend Simone wrote, “I am looking forward to meeting you both and to working and worshipping with you all at Emmanuel.”

And we are delighted to be working and worshipping with Reverend Simone!

A warm welcome to Reverend Simone!

**From your Wardens Charlotte Leitch and Helen Hall**

***Message from the Administrator:***

I am delighted to have been recently hired as the part time Administrator. My love of the Anglican Church is reflected in the vocation I live as a Consecrated Solitary in the Ottawa Diocese, answerable to the Diocesan Bishop.

From the time I arrived in Ottawa in 1980 I have been involved in church lay ministry. As a volunteer Pastoral visitor, Youth Group Lead, Chair of Liturgy Committee, Parish Council member, other volunteer work and later professionally employed by the Community Ministries as Volunteer Coordinator at Cornerstone Shelter and Supportive Housing for Women and Christian Formation Coordinator at St Stephen’s Anglican Church led me to believe that I have a good grasp of the work of the Ottawa Anglican Diocese and would hope to be useful in this parish.

I am enjoying life in Arnprior very much indeed with volunteer involvement at the Neighbourlink Fountain, the Town Committee on Poverty and Homelessness and the Galilee Retreat Centre and I was warmly received by the great people here at Emmanuel. Thank you for putting your trust in me as your new Administrator!

Karen Ann McKinna

**Treasurer’s Notes May 31, 2022**

Although we are pleased to report an increase in income and a decrease in expenses when compared to the same period (January 1 to May 31) last year, the result was a lower deficit, not a surplus. The deficit was \$18,518 compared to \$20,498 in 2021. This was despite the reduction in the Costs of Priestly Services (ECOPS) and the work of Parish Administrator being carried out by a volunteer for much of the period. Thank you, Charlotte and for your help in guiding Karen Ann as she assumes the role.

With Summer fast approaching, and with it, time at the cottage and perhaps road trips, please remember that Emmanuel's needs to meet our financial obligations do not stop. In this regard we are pleased to note that an increasing number of parishioners are now making use of E-transfers ([emmanuel\\_office@bellnet.ca](mailto:emmanuel_office@bellnet.ca)) to ensure that their offerings are being deposited straight into the bank.



### **Some Notices from your Wardens:**

**Your Emmanuel church needs MORE VOLUNTEERS** – Lay Assistants, Greeters, Readers, Intercessors, and Counters. WHICH WAY and WHERE can you serve? Let your Wardens know. Thank you.

**SUMMER HOURS.** Starting Sunday July 3rd and ending on Sunday August 28th there will be one Communion service on Sundays at 9:00 am. Regular 8:00 and 10:00 am services will resume on Sunday September 4th. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

**Canon Christine's Thank You Gift.** In gratitude for the time that Canon Christine spent with us, we have presented her with a \$500 gift certificate for Galilee Retreat Centre. This gift certificate was made possible through donations of parishioners specifically for Canon Christine. Canon Christine sends her sincere appreciation and best wishes to all.

**FALL FELLOWSHIP DINNER** We are hoping to have a "fellowship dinner" in October to welcome all parishioners back after our 2+ year pandemic restrictions. Stay tuned for more info in early September.

**Several Parishioners** have now completed the First Aid and CPR Training Course! Congratulations and Thank you!

**HEALING and BLESSED WISHES** to Rev. Cathy McCaig as she recovers from a broken ankle and a broken shoulder (as a result of a tangle with a dog and its leash).