

CATHEDRAL CONNECTIONS

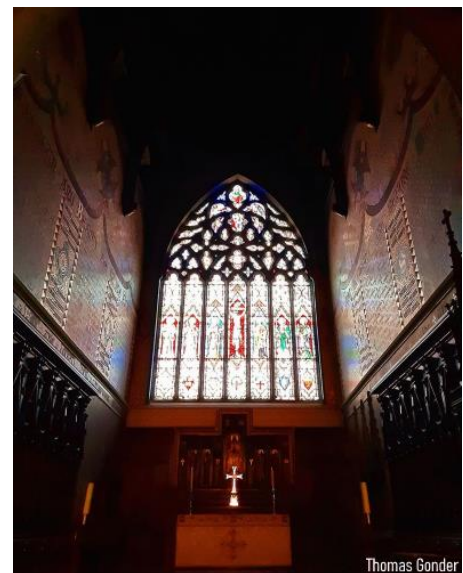
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Dear Cathedral Friends!

We now have about a month of self-isolation under our belts and what a month of firsts it has been! Many of those firsts (if not most of them) have been things we never could have imagined just a short while ago. Some of them for sure are not positive things and we hope not to see them remain with us, but there have been so many positive things seen and heard over the past few weeks. Here's just a few that we thought of to share with you:

- ❖ It may have been the first time that we prayed for something negative, but pray we did for negative results for Dean Geoffrey and for the parents of Kirsten McKnight. Thankfully all received negative results for the coronavirus! We wish them and all others who may find themselves taking this test good health!
- ❖ Cathedral members were able to participate in Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship without having to leave the comfort of their homes. Other Holy Week services, Taizé services and the Stations of the Cross could also be watched from home. Thanks to all who made this possible.
- ❖ A lot of folks are using photographs and photography to stay in touch. Check out the photos by our Musical Director, J. Thomas Gonder and by Gary Barfitt on our [Cathedral Caremongering group on Facebook](#). The beauty of God's world in pictures is wonderfully uplifting especially as presented by such awesome photographers. We encourage you to share more!
- ❖ Then there's the music. So many people are sharing their favourite Christian music and musical links! And who among us was not thrilled to listen to Sally Dibblee and Thomas Gonder with those [beautiful Easter song renditions](#). Thank you Sally and Thomas from the bottom of our music-filled hearts!



- ❖ Meetings have continued thanks to platforms such as Zoom. The first ever Bishop and Chapter Zoom meeting took place with an almost full slate of participants and was very successful.
- ❖ Bible study groups have been using the Internet to connect also. Even our Cathedral Youth Group has had at least one lively online meeting.
- ❖ Several people have put their crafty talents to use sewing face masks!
- ❖ Our Cathedral seniors who are not connected via the Internet are being well looked after by a faithful telephone group. We continue to hear that these conversations are becoming long conversations, growing into budding friendships and sharing stories.



- ❖ Not just for Cathedral members but for all of us, psychologists are taking to the Internet to let us know that we don't all have to become experts in anything during this downtime. So for any of you that have been feeling overwhelmed by all of the online learning opportunities and folks telling you how to spend your time, know that it's OK to just hang in there and reach out to your friends (by phone or email) if you need some help. Prayer is needed and we have lots of time to devote to praying!

We hope these positives help to lift your spirits on this spring day. Many of us are looking forward to some porch sitting and garden working in the days to come! Email legresleygail@gmail.com to let us know how you're doing and we will share it in upcoming newsletters!

Your Communications Committee:

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Enjoy Worship Music at Home!

We have created music playlists on Spotify, using song recommendations from members of the 11:45 music group. To listen, create a free account and visit the [Cathedral Fred profile on Spotify](#).

Listen to beautiful [music from Cathedral Music Director and organist Thomas Gonder and soprano Sally Dibblee](#). Recorded at Christ Church Cathedral during Holy Week 2020.

On the Website

The [Cathedral website](#) is being updated frequently! Read Bishop and Chapter news, a recap of our last Medley Tea, the Dean's pastoral letter, a prayer request from Belize, and an edition of 'Cathedral Faces' featuring Dalton and Sheila London.



A message from the Cathedral Stewardship Team:

This month, we are reposting the letter that was sent out from the Cathedral Stewardship Team on April 9th to all congregation members. We are very fortunate that this technological world we live in offers us many easy ways to keep up with our offerings. Rest assured, we are there for everyone at this time when offerings are so important to our continued functioning.

Please Catch Up and Keep Up!

The Cathedral Needs Your Help!

Over these past two weeks we have experienced extraordinary times requiring thoughtful and extraordinary action. What was once normal is no longer normal. The Cathedral, like all faith communities, has financial obligations. We need to ensure that we meet our fiduciary responsibility.

Financial projections for the next while will be difficult. Our continued support will make all the difference. In this uncertain time, please consider “catching up and keeping up” with your regular offering. Your financial gift will continue to make a difference. Above all, we thank all for past, present and future support of our ministry and mission along with those who have made special effort to change how and what they give.

How Can We Do This ?

- Drop off offering envelopes in the mail slot at the office or mail your offering.
- Contact the church office (506) 450-8500 to arrange to have your offering picked up.
- Visit the Cathedral website or Facebook page and follow one of the “Give Now” links to securely make an offering online. You will receive your receipt immediately by return email.
- Start using e-offering (preauthorized debit). Contact the church office or Envelope Secretary John Macaulay (506) 453-1980 who would be pleased to speak with you about an application. We can arrange for the necessary form to be delivered to you. It’s as easy as 1,2,3!

“ All things come from thee, and of thine own have we given thee.” 1 Chronicles 29:14

Christ Church Cathedral Stewardship Team

That's it for now. We look forward to hearing from any of you that would like to contribute! Take care and blessings from your Communications Team!

Stay tuned and stay connected!

