

The Parish of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Ottawa

Parish Summary

The people of St. Luke's in Ottawa look forward to welcoming their new incumbent. Our parish states, *All are welcome without exception*, and we hope that this Parish Summary will convey the warmth of our church family.

Location:

Located at 760 Somerset Street West at the corner of Bell Street North, we are at the entrance of Chinatown and close to the Italian neighbourhood, Mechanicsville and LeBreton Flats. Although those sectors are in transition, they are traditionally inhabited by lower- and lower-middle-class citizens which makes for ethnically-diverse surroundings.

The lack of parking is an issue in the Parish, though this is not a worry for the Rector.

Building:

We have one building with Lindsay Hall in the basement and the Church upstairs. We have a newly-replaced elevator which is used on a daily basis. In the early 1980's we took down our massive hall and put up 44 units of affordable housing. We also took out the side pews and put in office and storage space.

We do not have clergy housing; the clergy will receive a housing allowance in accordance with Diocesan policy.

Parish Community:

Parishioners come from far and wide to attend services and events. We are a very active parish with a number of ministries including an active Pastoral Care Team, the Chi Rho Fellowship, an Altar Guild, a Book Club, regular Labyrinth Walks and two Centering Prayer Groups.

We have a volunteer adult choir and Organist/ Choir Director. The choir is rooted in the Anglican choral tradition, although they explore offerings from many Christian traditions, encompassing music from Gregorian chant to the 21st century.

Once a month we hold our Sunday Service in the round.

We are struggling to keep our Sunday School up and running; usually two parents take turns providing the program each week.

On Wednesday mornings we hold our contemplative Eucharist with Lectio Divina.

Our gardens beside the Church grow vegetables for The Table. The St. Luke's Table is a day program of the Diocese of Ottawa Community Ministries. While separate from our Parish operations, the St. Luke's Table provides support services for individuals who are in need of a safe and supportive environment. Many participants are struggling with addictions, mental illness and poverty. Along with breakfast and lunch, we provide recreational and health services, crisis intervention, practical supports such as hygiene supplies, computer and telephone access, assistance finding community resource information and on site outreach services from several community agencies. St. Luke's Table receives over 4,500 visits each month from individuals seeking a place to be a part of a community where dignity and freedom are valued.

Qualities we seek in an Incumbent:

- A person with deep faith and a sense of humour;
- A liberal thinker who will walk with us beyond our four walls;
- A person with the ability to discern and nurture the multitude of gifts and talents already present and in those who come to us searching.
- Someone who knows liturgy.
- Someone who is flexible, open, and media/technically savvy,
- A good listener and a good communicator.
- A person who is able to support a variety of pathways as we journey together, who can help us look beyond who we are and help us to see who we can become, deepening our connections to the whole web of life.
- At least three years of parish ministry experience and dealing with the management and financial side of things.

Link to Parish website and social media:

- Our Website is undergoing reconstruction but can be found at www.stlukesottawa.ca
- Information on the St. Luke's table can be found at www.stlukestable.ca
- The Choir has a Facebook Page – key in “St. Luke's Church”.

*Clergy who wish to express interest in this position should contact Archdeacon David Selzer in the Bishop's Office by **September 1, 2017***

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