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Week of April 15th, 2018

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

- Mark Brisley, beloved son of Margaret, and the late John Brisley, lovingly remembered by his family.

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers this afternoon at 4 pm. Jim Sandilands (bass) will be joined by Colleen Allen (saxophone), Stacie McGregor (piano), and Tim Shia (drums).



Rector seeks your input

Now that I've been here a few months, I think it's a good time to ask what's working well at St. Christopher's. I would like to ask each of you to complete a brief survey about worship. The survey should take no more than three minutes to complete, and is meant to help me hear from as many members of the parish as possible. I will make the results available in a few weeks, after everyone has had a chance to complete the survey. The survey can be completed by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MR8595Z>

Celebration of Ministry - Bishop Michael Bird

Everyone is invited to join this Open House celebration which will include speeches and presentations on Saturday, April 21st from 1 to 4 pm at Christ's Church Cathedral. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for the Bishop, you will find envelopes in the chair pockets and on the Welcome Table to do so. Cheques should be made payable to St. Christopher's.

The Bible Challenge

As we hit the ¼ mark in our journey through the Bible this week, we will encounter not one, but two new books of the Bible. The Book of Ruth is a very brief interlude in the middle of the developing history of Israel. The First Book of Samuel picks up the tale of Israel's struggles again. Read more in this morning's bulletin insert.

Here is this week's reading schedule:

- Monday: Judges 13-15; Psalm 77; John 11
- Tuesday: Judges 16-18; Psalm 78: 1-39; John 12
- Wednesday: Judges 19-21; Psalm 78: 40-72; John 13
- Thursday: Ruth 1-4; Psalm 79; John 14
- Friday: I Samuel 1-3; Psalm 80; John 15
- Saturday: I Samuel 4-6; Psalm 81; John 16
- Sunday: See you in Church!

Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge next on Monday, April 23rd at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. We meet every other Monday afternoon. Please join us if you would like to play!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

The **March Messenger** is available this morning. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up. The online edition is on the homepage of our website, in living colour! www.stcb.ca.

Plant Sale

Have perennials that need to be split? Consider donating your plants to our annual plant sale being held May 12th. Drop off plants at the church May 11th. Please talk to Rachel or Christina for more info.

Fun in the Sun

The theme of this year's Fun in the Sun summer day camp is Creation Exploration. Camp dates are July 30 - August 3. Registration forms are on the Welcome Table. For more information, talk to Allison.

Do you speak a language other than English?

We need readers, of languages other than english, to participate in our Pentecost service! Please contact Michelle in the parish office or at mboomgaard@stcb.ca for more information, or to sign up.

Ginger Group

April 23rd is the next meeting of the Ginger Group. On tap is a presentation by the Public Education Coordinator of the Alzheimer Society of Hamilton & Halton. Activities commence @ 11.45 am in the Great Hall. Retired gentlemen of the parish and guests are invited. Contact George Beadle or Winston Campbell if you have any questions.

Fresh Food Box - Volunteers

We will be packing again this week on Tuesday the 17th of April. We would really appreciate volunteers beginning at 8:30 am for the morning packing. Please just come or contact the office, 905.634.1809, for more information.



Teens and young adults!

Cahoots is a retreat weekend sponsored by the Student Christian Movement with an emphasis on faith intersecting with justice and creativity. St. Christopher's is pulling together a group of people, ages 16-30, to carpool to the event on the weekend of May 4-6 at Cedar Ridge Camp near Bancroft. The full ticket price is \$150, but this will be subsidized by the church. Join us for a fun weekend of music, peace-building, and time outdoors! Further details are available at scmcanada.org/cahoots, or speak to Allison about getting a registration form.

Consecration of Bishop Susan Bell

A service to consecrate the Rev. Canon Susan Bell as a bishop of the Church of God to serve as coadjutor bishop is planned for Saturday, May 5 at 11 am at Christ's Church Cathedral. The ordination will be livestreamed so that as many people as possible can take part in this sacred event. Stay tuned for more details in coming weeks.

Spring Rummage Sale

Is coming up on Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. Mark it in your calendar and plan to come and help out! Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex after Easter. You may begin to bring items for sale after noon on Wednesday, April 18th.

Summer Student Interns

St. Christopher's is looking for college or university students to fill summer internship positions in three areas: children and youth; nutrition and food; and community arts. For further details, please visit the website or the parish bulletin board. Please note that the positions are contingent on funding.

Gardeners Wanted!

We are looking for people to adopt a bed in our Community Access Garden. You would be responsible to help tend one or two boxes throughout the growing season. Help can be arranged if you are going on holiday. Everyone is welcome to share in the watering, care, and harvest of the garden. Sign up in the Narthex. Group planting day to be announced shortly. Talk with Rachel or Christina for more info.

Servers Needed

We would like to add additional members to our team of those who assist the clergy in the sanctuary during our Sunday morning services. This is a way to serve that might appeal to people as young as twelve years of age. If you would like to talk more about this ministry, please talk to Michelle or call the church office.

Interested in the 11:30 service?

This is a service that has changed a lot over the years. If you currently participate in the service at 11:30 am on Sundays, or have in the past and would like to share what was meaningful to you, please join us on Sunday, April 22 at 12:30 pm. Over a casual brunch, we will consider some different worship styles for the future.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Maureen Bush	Allan Dibblee
Rose Hopkins	Kendra Mawhinney
Violet Milligan	Dylan Nelson
Justin Peters	Brendan Conway
Alicia Archbell	Bob Connell
Linda Leclerc	Helen Wettlaufer
Mary Loree	Dave Page
Mary Gunn	Kathryn Lloyd
Arne Rickert	David Ernst

Anniversaries this week

George & Mary Ann Simpson	(63)
Robert & Laura Taylor	(43)

Services this Week

Thursday, April 19th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 22nd

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

Please - Take me home with you!

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	4:30pm	Shine
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	8:30am	Fresh Food Box Packing
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social Group
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
Wednesday	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Thursday	10:00am	Active Tots
	1:00pm	Book Club
	10:15am	Bible Study
Friday	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	3:00pm	Rummage Sale
	8:00am	Rummage Sale
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank