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## Week of April 22nd, 2018

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

- Anne Elizabeth & Jeffrey Soper, parents of Valerie Cant, grandparents of Kathryn & Trevor.
- Susan & William Connell, parents of Bob Connell.
- Bessie & Alfred Henderson & David Henderson, parents and brother of Laureen Connell.
- Barbara Henderson, sister-in-law of Laureen & Bob Connell.
- Norman & Dorothy Earle, lovingly remembered by the 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 Steve Kendry (drums).

### Ginger Group

The Ginger Group will meet tomorrow, Monday, April 23 and hear 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.

### The Bible Challenge

I hope you've been noticing that our New Testament readings have sometimes run a bit parallel with our liturgical season. This week, we will read some of the same resurrection scenes we just heard in church. And, at the end of the week, we will conclude John, and therefore finish the Gospels. We will then begin the book of Acts. "Acts" is short for "the Acts of the Apostles." Scholars believe it was written by the same person who wrote the book of Luke. Where the Gospels told the story of Christ, the book of Acts tells the story of the Church: how the disciples picked up after Jesus's ascension, and began the work of spreading the Word. Some have found this book particularly inspirational, because of its focus on the ability of ordinary people (not prophets, priests, or Jesus) to work wonders and build the community of the faithful.

#### This week's reading schedule:

Monday: 1 Samuel 7-9; Psalm 82; John 17  
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 10-12; Psalm 83; John 18  
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 13-15; Psalm 84; John 19  
Thursday: 1 Samuel 16-18; Psalm 85; John 20  
Friday: 1 Samuel 19-21; Psalm 86; John 21  
Saturday: 1 Samuel 22-24; Psalm 87; Acts 1  
Sunday: See you in Church!

### Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge tomorrow, 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.

### 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.

### Thursday Mornings

Please join us on Thursday mornings for Bible study, coffee, and great conversation at 10:15 am in the Family Room before the 11am service. Stay for our Community Lunch which follows at noon.

### 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.

### 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 and so I'm asking each of you to complete a brief survey about worship. It 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. The survey will close on April 30, so please be sure to fill it out soon! The survey can be completed by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MR8595Z>

### Volunteers Unite!

We want to celebrate you! April 15-21 is National Volunteer week. Without volunteers like you we would not be able to serve our community year round! The essential services and programs that you make happen make our community a better place to live, work, and celebrate in. Thank you! Please SAVE THE DATE for our annual Volunteer Appreciation night on May 28, from 7-9 pm. More details to follow.

### Church School Info

Allison Courey is collecting emails of parents and caregivers who are interested in receiving weekly or monthly information about lessons and activities from Sunday church school. Please let her know if you would like to be added to that list.

## 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](http://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.

## GIFT Lessons Blast

Allison Courey is collecting emails of parents and caregivers who are interested in receiving weekly or monthly information about lessons and activities from Sunday church school. Please let her know if you would like to be added to that list.

## 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 for more info.

## Annual Author Pot Luck Luncheon

The members of the Book Club invite you to join them and meet author Frances Itani on Wednesday, May 16th at noon hour. Registration is required so that we can set up an appropriate number of seats. We also request an item of food of your choice to share at the Pot Luck. Contact Valerie Barnes at 905.639.7952 or [vbarnes@cogeco.ca](mailto:vbarnes@cogeco.ca)

## 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

Lochlan Cobb	Mary Jane Kading
Erica Wilk	Ann-Marie Burton
Pat Honan	Mary Perley
Andrew Phillips	Henry Byrnes
Fred Carter	Heather Froom
Jessica Shearer	Brendan Robson
Pam Wettlaufer	Ellen Grigsby
Jennifer Barnes	Pam Terence
Daniel Turney	

### Anniversaries this week

Gord & Edna Russell	(68)
Glenn & Nancy Baldwin	(52)
Peter Frank & Michele Burley	(19)
Lee Bush & Jack McKean	(25)

### Services this Week

#### Thursday, April 26th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Saturday, April 28th

2:00 pm The Celebration and Blessing of the Marriage of Michelle Boomgaard & Lou Hays

#### Sunday, April 29th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

### Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	11:45am	Ginger Group
	2:00pm	Bridge Group
	4:30pm	Shine
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	8:30am	Men's Cooking #2
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social Group
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
7:00pm	Calling All Parents	
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank