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Week of April 29th, 2018

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

- Lillian Baggett, remembered with love by her husband Reg, and family.
- Raymond P. Fillmore (Bub), husband of Betty, father of Leslee Fielding, & Stephen, grandfather of Kristina & Kathryn. Remembered with love by his wife and family.
- Mary & William Tunstead, parents of the late Shirley Crew, Ruth Waldick, Bessie Arscott, Bud Tunstead, sisters and brother of the late Shirley Crew.

Welcome and Thank You!

This morning, and next Sunday, we welcome The Rev. Canon Terry DeForest, Vision Advocate and Director of Human Resources for the Diocese of Niagara, as our preacher and presider. We are very grateful for Terry's assistance while Michelle is honeymooning. Thank you Terry!

The Bible Challenge

This week we conclude the First Book of Samuel and begin the Second. The two were originally a single book. Thus, a lot of the flavour of Second Samuel will seem very familiar, and the story picks up directly where the First book ended, with David becoming king of Israel. So, why does the book break into two pieces where it does? Though Samuel does not appear anywhere in the Second Book of Samuel (ironic, but true...), his prophecies live on. In 2 Samuel, David officially becomes king, years after Samuel first anoints him. Tragically, David also becomes selfish, fulfilling Samuel's warning that all kings would hurt Israel. This prophecy develops further throughout the book. The seventh chapter of 2 Samuel (which we will read at the end of the week) contains the crucial promise by God concerning the House of David. Some have argued that this is one of the most crucial passages in the whole Bible. It sets up both the dynasty of David's house, and – after the fall of the house of David – becomes the foundation of Israel's hope for a messiah.

This week's reading schedule:

Monday: 1 Samuel 25-27; Psalm 88; Acts 2
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 28-30; Psalm 89: 1-18; Acts 3
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 31; Psalm 89:19-52; Acts 4
Thursday: 2 Samuel 1-3; Psalm 90; Acts 5
Friday: 2 Samuel 4-6; Psalm 91; Acts 6
Saturday: 2 Samuel 7-9; Psalm 92; Acts 7
Sunday: Hear the Bible in Church!

Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge next on Monday, May 7th, 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!

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, June 10th at 4 pm.

The **May 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 - New Date!

Have perennials that need to be split? Consider donating your plants to our annual plant sale being held May 26th from 8 am until 11:30 am. Drop off plants at the church May 25th. Please talk to Rachel 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.

Newcomer Lunch

If you are new, or relatively new, to the parish then we hope that you will be able to join us for lunch on Sunday, May 27th at 12:30 pm (following the third service). This will be an opportunity to get to know one another better and to share information about the ministry at St. Christopher's. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

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.

Volunteers Appreciation Evening

We want to celebrate you! Please SAVE THE DATE for our annual Volunteer Appreciation event on May 28, from 7-9 pm. The ministry and programming that you help to make happen make our community a better place to live, work, and celebrate in. Thank you! Watch this space for more details.

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Audrey Pasmore
Jean Kennedy
Andrew
Kaitlynn
Maureen Rothwell
Danie
Stephen Taylor
Ted
Rick
Evelyn Morin
Thomas
Manuel Sousa
Murray Hayes
Norma German
Debbie McNab
Dave
Brian Russell
Martha
Lelia Holman
Bonnie Hopkins
Christyn Perkons
Jean Chadwick
Mimma Reszitaryk
Doug Froom
Sharon Gold
Holland family
Morris family
Joyce Porter
Anne Hay
Claire
Valerie Banyard
Noah
Olivia Galbraith
Steven Partridge
Carole Allen
Shealyn Honan
Hope Magnus
Paul Barrington

Human Trafficking Awareness Day

All are welcome to join in a morning of learning and connecting with the reality of human trafficking in our communities and the world on Saturday, June 9 here at St. Christopher's from 9 am - 12:30 pm. Cost: no charge. For more information, please call the office or speak to Michelle.

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. This is a ticketed event however the ordination will be livestreamed so that as many people as possible can take part in this sacred event.

Church School Info

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

Newcomer Family

Basel delivered an excellent message of thanks at an event last fall, the transcript of which has been published in the ESL Newsletter. There is also a great photo with the article. If you would like to see it, you will find it on the bulletin board outside the Family Room.

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 will 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

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 tomorrow and can be completed by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MR8595Z>

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Joan Page	Debra Peroune
Kathryn Quarrington	Kathy Barnes
Nancy Fairchild	Susan Harper
Bill Smith	Brent Williams
Glenn Baldwin	Jean Kennedy
Jacqueline Stewart	Marie Fuller
Jean Chadwick	Liah Wallace
Ian Youseman	Norma German
Barb Smith	Elisha Ward
Celia Klukach	Ward Minielly
Daniel Quarrington	Jim Wright

Anniversaries this week

Rodney Lott & Carolyne Siebert	(8)
Erick & Karene Nettel	(21)
Bill & Barb Brown	(55)
George & Linda Novakovich	(33)
Matt Robitaille & Sarah Ronbeck	(6)

Services this Week

Thursday, May 3rd

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 6th

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	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
Wednesday	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	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	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