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Week of April 7th, 2019

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

- Doris & Reg Walton, and Jack Walton, parents and brother of Beth & Bob Goodwin, grandparents and uncle of Bob, David, & Alison. Lovingly remembered by the family.
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Easter Flower Envelopes are in the chair pockets today for those wishing to have loved ones' names listed in the bulletins for Easter Services. April 14th (Palm Sunday) is the last day we will accept names for printing in the bulletin.



Let's Open Doors Gala

May 24th - 7:30pm-10pm

An exciting evening of Silent and Live Auctions, gourmet appetizers, wine, music & merriment! Tickets are only \$25/ per person. Tickets are available in the office Mon-Fri or in the Narthex on Sundays beginning April 7th. Tickets are also available online at eventbrite.ca. Search for Let's Open Doors Gala. If you would like to contribute to the event by way of a donation, Christina will be gratefully accepting bottles of wine and gift cards. If you have another item that you might like to donate, please contact Christina at opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca

Bishop's 2019 Lenten Book

We are exploring *The Book of Forgiving* during Lent on Wednesday evenings (7:30 pm) and Thursday mornings (10:15 am). Our Lenten liturgy reflects the themes from the book and the study series will help us to practice the sometimes difficult call to forgive. This week we'll be talking about the fourth step on the path, *Renewing or Releasing the Relationship*, so please read pages 146-162 in preparation.



Get in the Garden

Our Community Garden provides fresh produce for anyone who can use it as well as for our community meals. This year the Halton Food Council will be helping us to get ready for the coming season. If you are able to donate soil, tools, gloves, a rain barrel, or Home Depot gift cards, they would be most appreciated. We could also use some loads of free compost from Halton Region if you are able to pick one up. If you would like to get your fingers in the soil, please join us on April 27th 9am-3pm, May 11th 9am - 12pm, and/or May 25th 9am-12pm to help get the garden in shape. For more information please contact Christina at opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca or 905-634-1809.

The **April Messenger** is available. 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!
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Easter Letter

There is a letter for all parishioners to pick up in the Narthex this morning.

Bible Study / Seniors' Lunch

Next lunch - Thurs., April 11th

Our Thursday morning Bible study meets at 10:15 am in the Family Room. Come for coffee and great conversation before the 11am service. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon on the second and fourth Thursday.

Baptism Dates

If you, or someone you know is interested in being baptized, the next opportunity to participate will be during the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Please speak with Jon or Michelle if you would like to know more.

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing tomorrow, Monday, April 8th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels are welcome!

Fun in the Sun

The theme of this year's Fun in the Sun summer day camp is Kingdom Rock. Camp dates are July 29 - August 2. Registration forms are available on our website - stcb.ca and in the office. For more information, talk to Trudy.



Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

Plan to participate in the all night prayer vigil, keeping watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Prayer resources are provided.

Ginger Group

The next meeting for retired and semi retired gentlemen and guests of the parish will take place tomorrow, Monday, April 8th. Staff from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will talk to us about fraud against seniors. Activities commence at 11.45 am in the Great Hall. Please contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle, if you have any questions.

The Goods!

It is with great enthusiasm that we are planning to host a makers' market here at St. Christopher's on June 15th called The Goods. We are still accepting applications from vendors. If you create wonderful items for sale, or know someone who does, we'd love to hear about it. Please call or email Christina for more information: opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca

Yard & Garden Clean-Up

Please mark your calendars now for our spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 11th from 9am - noon. If you can help, please contact the office or call the office. Many hands make light work!

Cash In for St. Christopher's

This June, we will once again offer an opportunity to donate broken or unwanted gold and silver jewellery, silver (sterling and plate) and coins and stamps as a contribution to St. Christopher's debt relief. Stay tuned for details!

Labyrinth

We are fortunate to have been able to borrow our Diocesan labyrinth for Lent. You may have seen it on the floor of the Great Hall. We will be able to have it out most weeks from Thursday afternoon through Saturday. Please feel free to remove your shoes and walk it in meditation. If you are not familiar with a labyrinth, you will find some instructions on a stand beside the entrance. Enjoy!

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation is commonly referred to as an opportunity to make an adult profession of faith. In the Anglican Church, it is a time when we formally become members, and individually pledge to uphold the Baptismal Covenant. Rev. Michelle will join with the Rev. Stuart Pike of St. Luke's, Burlington, to lead a discussion/class for those interested in being confirmed this summer. If you are interested in participating, or would like to know more, please contact her at mboomgaard@stcb.ca.

Good Reads!

Check out the book trolley in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you find a book you'd like to take home, drop a toonie in the coin box on the end of the trolley.

Give it up for the Earth

The Citizens for Public Justice group runs a special environmental program during Lent. (cpj.ca/for-the-earth) Visit the Greening Niagara display board in the Narthex. Help yourself to a 'Give it up for the Earth' postcard. Complete your personal statement of what you will 'give up for the earth' during the Lenten season. Mail the postage free card to the Prime Minister's office.

If you are a **Facebook** user, be sure to "like" us and check in frequently for news. You will find us if you enter "St. Christopher's Anglican Church" in the "search for people, places and things" box.



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Sarah Aljas	Ann Daniels
Meaghan Rudge	Heather Smith
Joan Hood	Diane Wales
Elizabeth Peters	Jayne Picott
Paul Winslow	

Anniversaries this week

Les & Margaret Parker	(64)
Alan & Mary Ayliffe	(22)
George & Mary Ann Simpson	(64)

Services this Week

Thursday, April 11th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 14th

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
	5:15pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Cooking #1
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Afternoon Social
	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
	7:30pm	Lenten Discussion Series
Thursday	10:15am	Bible/Book Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	12:45pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store