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## Week of January 14th, 2018

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

- John Brisley, beloved husband of Margaret, and dear father of Peter, Philip, Anne, Elizabeth, and the late Mark Brisley.
- Norma Yvonne Clarke, lovingly remembered by her husband Kenneth, and daughter Lindsay.

### Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers this afternoon at 4 pm. Jim Sandilands (bass) will be joined by Mike Malone (trumpet), Stacie McGregor (piano), and Tim Shia (drums). Our next Jazz Vespers will be on December 17th.



### Celebration of Ministry

Thursday, January 18th 7:00 pm

Please join us for a Celebration of Ministry with our Rector, the Rev. Michelle Boomgaard. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the ministry of St. Christopher's and Michelle's gifts of leadership among us.

### Special Vestry meeting - January 21

Between the 9:30 and 11:30 am services

Our task will be to elect our Lay Representatives to Synod whose first duty will be to represent our parish at the Electoral Synod on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 when we will elect a new Bishop. For more information, please speak with Michelle or one of the Wardens.

### Christmas Market Wrap-Up Meeting

Thank you very much to all who participated in last year's Christmas Market! There will be a wrap-up meeting on the evening of Monday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm in the Family Room. If you have not already sent a report on your area of the Market, could you please forward it to Jayne Picott at jpicott@cogeco.ca or you can contact her by phone at 905.637.1721. Hope to see you on the 22nd!

### Fresh Food Box - Volunteers

We will be packing again this week on Tuesday the 16th of January. 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.



### The Bible Challenge

This week some of us will be embarking on The Bible Challenge. There will be a short meeting this Wednesday, January 17th at 7:30 pm, to introduce the first books that we will read. Follow the space to the right of this announcement for each week's reading list and other news along the way.

### Thursday Bible Study & Service

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 Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

### 2018 Envelopes

Weekly and monthly envelopes for 2018 are available for pick up this morning in the Narthex.

### Bridge

Our next afternoon of Bridge will be Monday, January 15th at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. We will meet every other Monday afternoon. Please join us if you would like to play!

### Annual Vestry & Reports

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th. In order to help us to prepare, would you kindly submit your reports to the office by Friday, January 26th.

### Tuesday Seniors' Social Group

The Tuesday afternoon Seniors' Group will reconvene on January 9th at 2 pm. All are welcome to join in for social time, refreshments and games.

The **January 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](http://www.stcb.ca).

### The Bible Challenge

I hope you're excited to begin the Bible Challenge! Over the next 52 weeks, we will read Scripture together, Monday through Saturday. Sunday is your chance to hear the Word of God in church, the way people have heard the Bible for centuries.

Each week, you will find next week's reading schedule in this box. You may also find some brief background material about any new books you may begin in the next week. I hope you find this Challenge enlightening. Now, let's begin!

First week's readings:

Monday: Genesis 1-3; Psalm 1; Matthew 1

Tuesday: Genesis 4-6; Psalm 2; Matthew 2

Wednesday: Genesis 7-9; Psalm 3; Matthew 3

Thursday: Genesis 10-12; Psalm 4; Matthew 4

Friday: Genesis 13-15; Psalm 5; Matthew 5

Saturday: Genesis 16-18; Psalm 6; Matthew 6

See you next week!

## Coldest Night of the Year

Saturday, February 24th 4 pm - 8 pm

The Coldest Night of the Year walk this year will take place on Saturday, February 24th. This is the major fundraiser of the year for our outreach ministry through Open Doors programs. Please consider walking yourself, joining one of our teams, or forming your own team. Begin letting your friends and acquaintances know that you will be looking for sponsors and why the issue of poverty and homelessness is important enough to you to participate in this event.

## Bishop's 2018 Lenten Book

Bishop Michael has chosen "Let Me Go There: The Spirit of Lent" by Paula Gooder as this year's Lenten Book. "Let Me Go There" reflects on some of the key events in the life of God's people that occurred in the wilderness as a way of preparing us to enter more fully into the experiences of Jesus' 40 days and nights in the desert at the beginning of his ministry, and to hear afresh the call to the disciples that ensued. The cost is \$15 per book. To pre-order, contact Jane Wyse by email or call 905-527-1316 x420.

## Church Calendars

2018 Anglican Lutheran Church Calendars are now available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



## Christian Seasons Calendars

We have a supply of calendars which follow the Christian seasons (beginning with Advent 2017) featuring beautiful pictures, Sunday readings, and information about the seasons. If you would like to buy one, or have a look, they are available in the office during office hours for \$15.



## Photo Contest

Submit your best photo of St. Christopher's in 2017 for consideration in our photo contest. Winners will receive a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board or read details in the Messenger.

## 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. Donations of current, popular books are also welcome.

**Have you considered** a flower memorial to remember loved ones gone? If you'd like more information, Maryann Lennox would be happy to explain how the memorials are handled. Call or email her at 905.335.6946 or lennoxmaryann3@gmail.com



**Nametags** are a great way to get to know one another better! Please try to remember to wear yours. If you are new to the parish we will automatically create a nametag for you when we receive a blue form (which you will find on the Welcome Table). If you need a new nametag, please contact the church office and we would be happy to make one for you!

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Birthdays this week

Maureen Cooke	Don Osborne
Violet Smith	Christyn Perkons
Mary Ann Simpson	Brenda MacGregor
Judi McNairn	Blair Vintinner
Lloyd Gesner	Fred Grigsby
Courtney Mohr-White	Arthurlyn Seager
Tracy Bell	Richard Bowie
Ashley Smith	Emma Smith
Hilary Barber	Libby Stratton
Dave Wallace	

### Anniversaries this week

Don & Lesley Landers	(29)
Kevin & Amy Collard	(21)

### Services Next Sunday, January 21st

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
	2:00pm	Bridge Group
	6:30pm	Open Doors Volunteer Orientation
	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
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
	1:00pm	Book Club
	7:30pm	Bible Challenge Meeting
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank