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## Week of January 21st, 2018

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

- Barbara & Frank Hinde,
- Agnes & Thomas Fraser, all lovingly remembered by Marg & Ed Fraser & family.
- David Nicoll, much loved husband of Lucy and dear father of Sandra & David.
- Ken Roberts, remembered always by his wife Barb, his sons Greg, Jeff, Scott and their families.

### Special Vestry Meeting - Please Attend

*Between the 9:30 and 11:30 am services*

Our task this morning 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. All those who are baptized, are sixteen or older, and who for at least six months preceding the holding of this Vestry meeting have been identifiably involved with this congregation, through worship, fellowship and financial support are eligible to vote. For more information, please speak with Michelle or one of the Wardens.

### 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. Let 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. Visit: [cnoy.org/location/burlington](http://cnoy.org/location/burlington)

### 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 tomorrow evening, 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](mailto:jpicott@cogeco.ca) or you can contact her by phone at 905.637.1721. Hope to see you on the 22nd!

### Ginger Group

Monday, February 5th will be the first meeting of 2018 for retired gentlemen and guests of the parish. Activities commence 11:45 am in the Great Hall. Thanks to Michael Peroune for lining up a presentation by Messrs. Walton-Ball and Rick Poulin from BMO Asset Management. As usual, lunch and refreshments will precede the presentation. Contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle for more information.

### 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.

### Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, February 11th at 4 pm when we will welcome Jim Sandilands (bass) and other musical guests.

### 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.

**Thank You** to everyone who contributed to the success of our Celebration of Ministry service last Thursday evening! It is a testament to the many and varied ministries of St. Christopher's that so many participated in preparing for this service. Thanks!

### Robbie Burns Race

Please note that Guelph Line will have one lane blocked for runners next Sunday morning (Jan. 28) from 9 am until 11 am. Please be extra careful as you turn into the church driveway.

### The Bible Challenge

The Bible Challenge is well underway. I hope you are all finding it interesting and enjoyable. There are a few small groups that are meeting to offer support and reflection for those doing the Bible Challenge. Contact Michelle ([mboomgaard@stcb.ca](mailto:mboomgaard@stcb.ca), or just stop by the office) if you'd like to join one.

Here is next week's reading schedule:

Monday: Genesis 19-21; Psalm 7; Matthew 7  
Tuesday: Genesis 22-24; Psalm 8; Matthew 8  
Wednesday Genesis 25-27; Psalm 9; Matthew 9  
Thursday Genesis 28-30; Psalm 10; Matthew 10  
Friday Genesis 31-33; Psalm 11; Matthew 11  
Saturday Genesis 34-36; Psalm 12; Matthew 12  
Sunday - See you in church!

## Mardi Gras Christian Education Day

On February 13th (Shrove Tuesday) we will be holding a Lent Christian education day for kids in grades 2-8. The program will run from 1 pm - 6 pm and will feature a family pancake supper at 5:30 pm. Themes include generosity, prayer, and self-sacrifice. We will be burning last year's palms for ashes and there will be other interactive learning opportunities as well. For more information contact Allison.

## 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

Katie Brown	Alexandria Leclair
Stacey McGuirk	Denise Reid
Jennifer Roberts	Doug Brusey
Jim Kealey	Art Dawe
Paula Ramsay	Wendy Thompson
Jay Vernon	Joan Botting
Les Parker	Christopher Stewart
Nicholas Stewart	Susanne Loker
Keith Miller	Lesline Bess
Maddie Blackburn	Andy Elmhirst
Peter Frank	Patricia Page
Joan Selway	

### Anniversaries this week

Diane Hutter-Stewart & Kevin Kozuh (2)

### Services Next Sunday, January 28th

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
	6:30pm	Open Doors Volunteer Orientation
	7:00pm	Band Practice
	7:30pm	Christmas Market Wrap-up Meeting
	Tuesday	9:00am
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	7:30pm	Parish Council
	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
	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	Friday	9:30am
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank