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Week of January 6th, 2019

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

- Murray Baldwin, lovingly remembered by his wife Elizabeth, and his children Sarah & Les and their families.
- Jack & Elsie Goodwin, & Hilda Richardson, parents & sister of Bob & Beth Goodwin, grandparents and aunt of Bob, David and Alison.
- Edward Schroeder lovingly remembered by his wife Mary and family.
- David Selway remembered with love by his wife Joan and family.
- Ronald and Patricia Shoots, lovingly remembered by their daughters Wendy Leger & Cathy Shoots.

Youth Group Epiphany Party

Youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to join us in the youth room on Sunday, January 6th at 7pm for a festive gathering. There will be food and fun!

Annual Vestry Meeting & Reports

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th. In order to help us to prepare, would you kindly submit your reports to the office by Monday, January 28th.

Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP)

YLTP is a Diocesan sponsored three year leadership program grounded in learning, modeling, and practising effective leadership in church, school and community. It is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 15. The deadline for applications is January 31st. If you would like to know more, please speak with Michelle.

Open Doors - Save the Date!

Once again we will be the host location for "The Coldest Night" in Burlington on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. It is a national event that helps raise money for organizations which help vulnerable people. We will have a 2 km, 5 km, or 10 km walking route starting at St. Christopher's starting at 4 pm. Teams and individuals will walk and help us to raise money for our Open Doors programs. It will be a fun night full of friends, laughter, and food to warm us up! Find out more at <https://cnoy.org/location/burlington>. There are great opportunities for walkers, teams of walkers, business sponsors and more. Everyone can take part! If you want more information please contact Christina at walk@stcb.ca



The **December 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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For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Fit for Service

Our Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning fitness classes will resume on Monday, January 7th at 9:30 am.

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing next on Monday, January 14th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels welcome!

Bible Study

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!

Tuesday Seniors' Social Group

The Tuesday afternoon Seniors' Group will reconvene on January 8th at 2 pm. All are welcome to join in for social time, refreshments and games.

Offertory Envelopes

Weekly and monthly offertory envelopes for 2019 are in alphabetical order in the Narthex. Please pick yours up.

Church Calendars

2019 Canadian Anglican Church Calendars are available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



GIFT

This year in church school, we're exploring the values of Jesus. Every week or two, we'll choose a new value to illustrate through parables and stories of the early Church. Your child is being offered prizes for learning both the fruits of the Spirit and the books of the New Testament. You can help kids to retain what they're learning by asking them which value they're learning each week and encouraging them to practice those values at home.

Email Blast

Please be sure to give your email address to the office if you would like to receive the weekly News Blast. If you do not have an email address, you will find hard copies of the Blast on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

Tourtières

We have a limited supply of 9" (\$18) tourtières left for sale. Please contact the office during office hours if you would like to purchase some.

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.

The Bible Challenge

At last! We're coming to the final days of the Bible Challenge (in eight days, because 365 does not divide evenly into weeks!)

We will conclude with the last of Zechariah, and all of Malachi, which both written after the exile of Israel was over. Interestingly, Malachi is not the name of a prophet - unlike many of the other books of prophecy, we don't know who wrote Malachi. The name simply means "my messenger," and the book itself is written as a series of speeches by this messenger, which again warn the returning exiles to live fully into the covenant they made with God in the past, or face the consequences.

We read the last two psalms (together, for a second time) on the last day, so you can say that you've read the entire Bible and the book of psalms twice. Interestingly, we also stop in the middle of Luke, right as Jesus starts expanding his ministry, which may seem to leave things unresolved. And, we don't read the "Apocrypha," or books that were not believed to be part of the original Hebrew Bible. These may be included in the Bible you are using for the Bible Challenge, and we do read some portions of them in church. They might be interesting to read through now that you have finished the Bible Challenge. Or, you can try some other things, like starting a practice of daily prayer or doing the Bible Challenge with a different translation.

Here is the FINAL reading schedule:

Monday: Zechariah 12; Psalm 141; Luke 3

Tuesday: Zechariah 13; Psalm 142; Luke 4

Wednesday: Zechariah 14; Psalm 143; Luke 5

Thursday: Malachi 1; Psalm 144; Luke 6

Friday: Malachi 2; Psalm 145-6; Luke 7

Saturday: Malachi 3; Psalm 147-8; Luke 8

LAST DAY: Malachi 4; Psalm 149-150; Luke 9

Congratulations on your accomplishment! May it inspire you to great things.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Bill Brown	Helen Hiscock
Ron Cooper	Donel George
Beth Goodwin	Quinlan Harper
Laura Swan	Jackie Zhang
William Hallman	Adam Sims
Trudy Johnson	

Anniversaries this week

Sam & Violet Milligan (51)

Services this Week

Thursday, January 10th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 13th

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