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Week of March 11th, 2018

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

- Pam Ribbons, held in loving memory by her husband Barry, daughters Allison and Carolyn, and granddaughters Stephanie and Jennifer.
- Elizabeth Ann Gordon and Heather Gordon-Dora, lovingly remembered by Edna and Gord Russell.

Easter Flower Envelopes are in the chair pockets today for those wishing to have loved ones' names listed in the bulletins for Easter Services. March 25th is the last day we will accept names for printing in the bulletin.



Vestry Reports

Copies of our Vestry Reports (Ministry and Financial) are available in the Narthex this morning. You can also read the Ministry Report online on our website, www.stcb.ca.

Lent Madness

The first round of Lent Madness is now over. Sixteen holy people have fallen by the wayside, and sixteen have advanced to be part of the Sainly Sixteen. For those who submitted brackets, some may be breathing a sigh of relief, while others might not. But, don't worry – this competition takes many quirky and unexpected turns. Speaking of quirky and unexpected – this is a great time to join Lent Madness, if you haven't already. The Sainly Sixteen is the "Quirks and Quotes" round. Each weekday, if you check out www.lentmadness.org, you will find some sayings or unusual habits of the two holy people in the day's matchup. If you thought that saints were boring, the next three weeks of Lent Madness may convince you otherwise. Check it out!

The Bible Challenge

We're not starting any new books of the Bible this week, just making steady progress through what we've already begun.

Here is the reading schedule for the coming week:

Monday: Numbers 21-23; Psalm 47; Luke 5
Tuesday: Numbers 24-26; Psalm 48; Luke 6
Wednesday: Numbers 27-29; Psalm 49; Luke 7
Thursday: Numbers 30-32; Psalm 50; Luke 8
Friday: Numbers 33-35; Psalm 51; Luke 9
Saturday: Numbers 36; Psalm 52; Luke 10
Sunday: See you in Church!

Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge tomorrow, Monday, March 12th 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!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Church Email Address

The general office email address is staff@stcb.ca. Please update your address books. We will be closing the staff@stchristophersburlington.com account soon.

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, April 15th at 4 pm when we will welcome Jim Sandilands (bass) and other musical guests.

GIFT

Allison will be away this morning and on 18th. Church school will continue as usual during the 9:30 am service. Toys and stories will be available during the 11:30 service. Thanks to the volunteers who are making this happen!

Parish Council

Many thanks to those who are members of our Parish Council! The work that you do on behalf of the parish is much appreciated. Our Council members are identifiable by their goldenrod coloured nametags so if you have questions or are trying to assist someone else, feel free to approach these folks (or wardens or staff) to get the answers that you need.

The Man Born to Be King

Please save Wednesday evenings during Lent to participate in our Lenten study activity based on the radio plays of Dorothy L. Sayers in the book "The Man Born to Be King". We will gather in the church to read the plays (aloud) together at 7:30 pm.

Lenten Eco Discipline

Visit the Greening Sacred Spaces bulletin board on the west wall of the Narthex. Take a 'Give it up for the Earth' card, which has a number of suggestions of actions we can take to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. This is an opportunity to care for creation and make a difference! You may put the completed form in the envelope on the bulletin board, or mail the tear-off card to Citizens for Public Justice (postage paid), and the cards will be presented to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. Questions? Ask Jane Stephen

Teens and young adults!

Cahoots is a retreat weekend sponsored by the Student Christian Movement with an emphasis on faith intersecting with justice and creativity. St. Christopher's is pulling together a group of people, ages 16-30, to carpool to the event on the weekend of May 4-6 at Cedar Ridge Camp near Bancroft. The full ticket price is \$150, but this will be subsidized by the church. Join us for a fun weekend of music, peace-building, and time outdoors! Further details are available at scmcanada.org/cahoots, or speak to Allison about getting a registration form.

Scent Sensitivity

Please be considerate of those in our parish who suffer from severe allergies and refrain from using perfumes, aftershave lotion, or other scented toiletries.

Open Doors

We have openings for volunteers in several different roles in our Open Doors programs. If you could spare two hours from 11am-1pm on a Wednesday or Friday to help clean and stock the Food Bank, assist with our Children's programs on Tuesday evening, or assist with reception of CMHA counselling clients on Tuesday afternoon or evening, please speak with Rachel or Christina or call the office.

Nametags

Sunday mornings can be busy and despite our best intentions to remember names when we're meeting someone new, it's hard work. Nametags really help. We often hear that part of what went into a good first impression at St. Christopher's is that names were remembered. Filling in a blue member information sheet will get you your first nametag but if yours has been damaged or gone missing you can call the office or hit "reply" to the email blast to request a new one.

Burlington Blood Donor Clinic has an urgent need for blood donors this March to help meet patients' needs this spring. To make an appointment to donate, visit blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE to find a nearby donation site. Walk in appointments are also available.

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.

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.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Bruce Doubleday	Nathan Pollard
Steve Brooks	John Aitken
Hugh Eisler	Gail Grant
Juliette Leclerc	Elizabeth Wensley

Anniversaries this week

Ted & Brenda Brouwers	(41)
David & Wendy Ernst	(50)
Lawrence & Phylis Trudeau	(50)
Wilf & Dorothy Devney	(67)

Services this Week

Thursday, March 15th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 18th

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
	4:30pm	Shine
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Cooking #1
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social Group
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	5:30pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
	7:30pm	The Man Born to Be King
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