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## Week of March 18th, 2018

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

- John W. Pearson, father of Lee Ford-Jones. Remembered with love.

### Celebration of Ministry - Bishop Michael Bird

Everyone is invited to join this Open House celebration which will include speeches and presentations on Saturday, April 21st from 1 to 4 pm at Christ's Church Cathedral.

### 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.

### The Bible Challenge

On Monday, we start a new book of the Bible: Deuteronomy. Interestingly, though Deuteronomy seems to cover the same material (history and laws) as the three books which preceded it, Biblical scholars actually think it was written much later than Exodus, Leviticus, or Numbers.

Many believe that Deuteronomy was written several centuries later, around the time of King Josiah. In a few months, we will read in 2 Kings about the "discovery" of the ancient law. Some believe Deuteronomy was written at that time.

Some may wonder why this book was written at all, since it seems so similar to what came before it. Look for significant differences in Deuteronomy: a stronger emphasis on God being the only God (and forbidding the worship of other gods), and a stronger emphasis on formal worship. There is also more of a sense of relationship between God and the people, which sounds almost like a treaty (if you will do this, God will do that...) There is more interpretation of past events; the author of Deuteronomy is trying to show the reader what is important in the history of the Israelites' journey to the promised land.

### Here is the reading schedule for the coming week:

Monday: Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 53; Luke 11  
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 4-6; Psalm 54; Luke 12  
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 7-9; Psalm 55; Luke 13  
Thursday: Deuteronomy 10-12; Psalm 56; Luke 14  
Friday: Deuteronomy 13-15; Psalm 57; Luke 15  
Saturday: Deuteronomy 16-18; Psalm 58; Luke 16  
Sunday: See you in Church!

### Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge next on Easter Monday, April 2nd 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.

The **March 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).

### 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. 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!

**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.



### Holy Week

Please plan to mark Holy Week with us. Service times are outlined on the reverse. Please note that meetings and activities, including Open Doors programming, are cancelled all week. Our regular programs and worship times will resume on Tuesday, April 3rd.

### Lent Madness

We have entered the Saintry Sixteen round of Lent Madness! This the "Quirks and Quotes" round. Each weekday, if you check out [www.lentmadness.org](http://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 couple of weeks of Lent Madness may convince you otherwise. Check it out!

### 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.

### 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](http://scmcanada.org/cahoots), or speak to Allison about getting a registration form.

### Human Trafficking Awareness Day

All are welcome to join in a morning of learning and connecting with the reality of human trafficking in our communities and the world on Saturday, April 14 at St. James, Dundas from 9 am - 12:30 pm. Cost: no charge. For more information, please call the office or speak to Michelle.

### Home Sharing Presentation

Everyone is welcome to join the Seniors Social Group this coming Tuesday, March 20th for a presentation on Home Sharing at 2 pm in the Family Room. For more information, please contact the office or speak to David Page.

### Fresh Food Box - Volunteers

We will be packing again this week on Tuesday the 20th of March. 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.

## Holy Week & Easter 2018 at St. Christopher's

### Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday in Holy Week

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Reflection, Night Prayer

### Maundy Thursday, March 29th

7:30 pm Footwashing, Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

### All-Night Prayer Vigil

9 pm Maundy Thursday to 10 am Good Friday  
Please sign up in the Narthex to participate

### Good Friday, March 30th

10 am Meditation on the Cross\*  
3 pm Worship Service for children and families

### Holy Saturday, March 31st

7:30 pm Easter Vigil, First Fire, & Holy Eucharist

### Easter Day, Sunday, April 1st

9:30 am, 11:30 am  
Eucharist with child care and children's programs  
at both services

\*Child care and children's program available

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Birthdays this week

Val Felix	John Stephen
Susan Curtis	Roxane Hendrie
Shirley Bye	Patricia Crosby
Sam Pollard	Jaime Osborne
Jim Parsons	Max Ralph
Emma Wright	Stephanie Furtado
Glenn Miller	Kevin Turpin

### Anniversaries this week

Bill & Dorothy Smith (67)

### Services this Week

#### Thursday, March 22nd

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday, March 25th

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
	2:30pm	Senior Singles Social Group
	4:30pm	Shine
	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
	5:30pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
	1:00pm	Book Club
	7:30pm	The Man Born to Be King
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	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
	4:00pm	Respite