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Week of March 31st, 2019

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

- Doreen Williams, remembered with much love by her husband Doug, and all her family.
- Nicky Youseman, today, March 31 would have been your birthday. Lovingly remembering the years we shared together before the Lord called you home.

Lent Madness Update

The first round of Lent Madness is over, and the “saintly sixteen” have now advanced to the next round. You can check out the poster in the Narthex to see if your favourites are still competing. In this round of Lent Madness, we hear about the “quirks and quotes,” including legends and fun stories about the various holy people. And, be sure to vote on www.lentmadness.org on Thursday, when Marguerite d’Youville (the only Canadian still in the competition) is up against Pandita Ramabai.

Bishop’s 2019 Lenten Book

We are exploring *The Book of Forgiving* during Lent on Wednesday evenings (7:30 pm) and Thursday mornings (10:15 am). Our Lenten liturgy reflects the themes from the book and the study series will help us to practice the sometimes difficult call to forgive. This week we’ll be talking about the third step on the path, *Granting Forgiveness*, so please read pages 119-143 in preparation.



Let’s Open Doors Gala

May 24th - 7:30pm-10pm

An exciting evening of Silent and Live Auctions, gourmet appetizers, wine, music & merriment! Tickets are only \$25/ per person. Tickets are available in the office Mon-Fri or in the Narthex on Sundays beginning April 7th. Tickets are also available online at eventbrite.ca. Search for Let’s Open Doors Gala. If you would like to contribute to the event by way of a donation, Christina will be gratefully accepting bottles of wine and gift cards. If you have another item that you might like to donate, please contact Christina at opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca

Easter Flower Envelopes are in the chair pockets today for those wishing to have loved ones’ names listed in the bulletins for Easter Services. April 14th (Palm Sunday) is the last day we will accept names for printing in the bulletin.



Cash for St. Christopher’s

This June, we will once again offer an opportunity to donate broken or unwanted jewellery as a contribution to St. Christopher’s debt relief. Stay tuned for details!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Yard & Garden Clean-Up

Please mark your calendars now for clean-up day on Saturday, May 11th from 9am - noon. If you can help, please contact the office or speak with Paul Smith. Many hands make light work!

Bible Study / Seniors’ Lunch

Next lunch - Thurs., April 11th

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 on the second and fourth Thursday.

Baptism Dates

If you, or someone you know is interested in being baptized, the next opportunity to participate will be during the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Please speak with Jon or Michelle if you would like to know more.

Fun in the Sun

The theme of this year’s Fun in the Sun summer day camp is Kingdom Rock. Camp dates are July 29 - August 2. Registration forms will be available soon. For more information, talk to Trudy.



Give it up for the Earth

The Citizens for Public Justice group runs a special environmental program during Lent. (cpj.ca/for-the-earth) Visit the Greening Niagara display board in the Narthex. Help yourself to a ‘Give it up for the Earth’ postcard. Complete your personal statement of what you will ‘give up for the earth’ during the Lenten season. Mail the postage free card to the Prime Minister’s office.

Newcomers Gathering

Thursday, April 4th - 7:00 pm

If you are new, or relatively new to the parish and would like to know more about us, please join us in the Family Room on the evening of Thursday, April 4th for conversation and light refreshments.

The Goods!

It is with great enthusiasm that we are planning to host a makers' market here at St. Christopher's on June 15th called The Goods. We are still accepting applications from vendors. If you create wonderful items for sale, or know someone who does, we'd love to hear about it. Please call or email Christina for more information: opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing next on Monday, April 8th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels are welcome!

Ginger Group

The next meeting for retired and semi retired gentlemen and guests of the parish will take place on Monday, April 8th. Staff from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will talk to us about fraud against seniors. Activities commence at 11.45 am in the Great Hall. Please contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle, if you have any questions.

Labyrinth

We are fortunate to have been able to borrow our Diocesan labyrinth for Lent. You may have seen it on the floor of the Great Hall. We will be able to have it out most weeks from Thursday afternoon through Saturday. Please feel free to remove your shoes and walk it in meditation. If you are not familiar with a labyrinth, you will find some instructions on a stand beside the entrance. Enjoy!

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation is commonly referred to as an opportunity to make an adult profession of faith. In the Anglican Church, it is a time when we formally become members, and individually pledge to uphold the Baptismal Covenant. Rev. Michelle will join with the Rev. Stuart Pike of St. Luke's, Burlington, to lead a discussion/class for those interested in being confirmed this summer. If you are interested in participating, or would like to know more, please contact her at mboomgaard@stcb.ca.

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.

Phone Numbers

It has come to our attention that many of the phone numbers in our parish data base are no longer valid. If you have changed your phone number, perhaps moved to cell phones from home phone, please let the office know and we would be very happy to update our records.

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.



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Matthew Boyes	Dru Ralph
Daniel Cunningham	Daniella Kapusty
John Aitken	Gill Jones
Grant Cobb	Jordan Beeby
Eric Conway	Clare Hopkins
Susan Nicholson	Dorothy Smith
Dennis Brodie	Mariann Hamilton
Gail Kovach	Geoffrey Olynyk
Barb Pollard	Ann Stevens

Anniversaries this week

Charles & Margaret Warren	(68)
Adam & Arlene Hughes	(25)
Bill & Ruth Smith	(67)
Meher & Joan Jeejeebhoy	(45)
Jaime Osborne & Brian Keyes	(6)

Services this Week

Thursday, April 4th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 7th

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
	5:15pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	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
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	7:30pm	Lenten Discussion Series
	10:15am	Bible/Book Study
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	12:45pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
	7:00pm	Newcomers' Gathering
Friday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store