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Week of March 3rd, 2019

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

- Verna Patterson, lovingly remembered by her husband Pat, her children Mark and Andrea, and her sister Margaret Parsons.
- Nancy Evely, lovingly remembered by her Godparents Edna & Gord Russell.

Ginger Group

The next meeting for retired and semi retired gentlemen and guests of the parish is tomorrow, Monday, March 4th at 11.45 am in the Great Hall. Karina Gould, Member of Parliament for Burlington, will be joining us. Also on the agenda, fellowship, and an appetizing lunch. Come and join us.

Children's & Youth Ministry Evening - *New Date*

Thursday, March 7 - 7:30 pm

Unfortunately, due to the snow last Wednesday this event had to be rescheduled. If you have an interest in our children's and youth ministry we hope you will be able to attend a wine and cheese gathering at the home of Carrie Ford-Jones. This evening is perfect for anyone interested in getting involved/staying involved/resuming past involvement in working with our young people. Please contact Carrie in person at cfordjones@gmail.com or 905.407.1315 if you would like to attend.

Pancake Supper

This coming Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday. Hospitality Hour begins at 4pm in the family room with light refreshments and social time. At 6 pm a festive supper including pancakes, bacon, and lots of other breakfast-y treats will be served, followed by fun for the kids later that evening. There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted.

Bishop's 2019 Lenten Book

Bishop Susan has chosen *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu as this year's Lenten Book. Here at St. Christopher's, our Lenten liturgy will reflect the themes from the book and our Wednesday evening book study series will help us all practice the sometimes difficult call to forgive. A limited number of books are available in the office at a cost of \$16 per book. Those wishing to join our study series might want to pick up the book soon and begin reading. The book also recommends that you consider finding a notebook and some other items before you finish the first week's reading. If you'd like to participate, please sign up in the Narthex as soon as possible, so we can help you get started.



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.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Vestry Reports

Hard copies of our Vestry Reports (Ministry and Financial) are still available this morning in the Narthex. You can also read the Ministry Report online. You will find it on the Home Page of our website, www.stcb.ca.

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing next on Monday, March 11th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels are welcome!

Save The Date - May 24

Open Doors has some exciting things coming up! Make sure you stay tuned and hold the evening of May 24th, 2019 for some fun! STAY TUNED!

Ash Wednesday Services

Please join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with a celebration of the Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. Services are at both 7:30 am and 7:30 pm.

Bible Study / Seniors' Lunch

Next lunch on Thursday, March 12th

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 of each month.

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.

Lent Madness is Coming!

The deadline for completing a bracket (for your chance to win a \$25 JC's Hot Bagels gift card) is THIS WEDNESDAY. Be sure to pick up an entry form, consult the "Saintly Scorecard" in the Narthex for information about this year's contenders, fill out and sign your bracket, and put it in the envelope before the match begins on Thursday. You can ALSO follow Lent Madness as a fun spiritual practice throughout Lent - check out www.lentmadness.org for more information.

Vestry Meeting

Thank you to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Vestry meeting by writing reports, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, providing sandwiches and squares, assisting in the kitchen, and a myriad of other tasks, not the least of which was the gift of your presence and your care for this community.

Coldest Night of the Year

Thank you to all those who donated, walked, fundraised and volunteered! We have raised just over \$41,000 and still have until March 30th to hit our goal of \$50,000. Please continue to collect funds and spread the word. If you have questions, call Christina at 905.634.1809.



CMHA Counselling

On Tuesdays we offer free counselling by Canadian Mental Health Association counsellors from 1 - 7 pm. We are in need of volunteers to provide reception support for our counselling appointments, greet clients and give them a time slot. This role is shared so if you are not available every week or only for part of the time, we would still appreciate your assistance. Please contact the church office at 905.634.1809.

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.

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.

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 Welcome 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!

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

Diana Bishop	Raeanne Dingwall
Dylan Ford-Jones	Andy Frame
Norma MacRae	Bill Tannyan
Gord Archbell	Jack Cox
Hollis Hiscock	Pat Isbister
Stuart Grant	Graeme McKelvie
Joan Turpin	Kieran Curtis
Brandon Lloyd	Denise Novak
Mary Ayliffe	Lesley Landers
Graham Nicolls	Gord Russell
Paige Collins	Catherine Matthias
Gerry Norman	Cherie Rudge

Services this Week

Wednesday, March 6th

7:30 am Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
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Thursday, March 7th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 11th

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
	11:45am	Ginger Group
	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 Pancake Supper
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store