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## Week of March 4th, 2018

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

- Bill & Lois McLelland, parents of Mark & Cheryl. Remembered with love.
- Verna Patterson, lovingly remembered by her husband Pat, her children Mark and Andrea, and her sister Margaret Parsons.
- Nancy Evelyn, lovingly remembered by her Godparents Edna & Gord Russell.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.stcb.ca).

### 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.

### The Bible Challenge

This week, we will begin the third (and last) of the Synoptic Gospels: Luke. Luke may be the most familiar to us. While many of the episodes in Luke are also in the other two Gospels, the stories that are unique to Luke (like the Annunciation and the birth of Jesus) are among the most loved portions of the Bible.

Read the insert in this morning's bulletins for more insight as you begin these readings.

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

Monday: Numbers 4-5; Psalm 41; Mark 15  
Tuesday: Numbers 6-8; Psalm 42; Mark 16  
Wednesday: Numbers 9-11; Psalm 43; Luke 1  
Thursday: Numbers 12-14; Psalm 44; Luke 2  
Friday: Numbers 15-17; Psalm 45; Luke 3  
Saturday: Numbers 18-20; Psalm 46; Luke 4  
Sunday: See you in church!

### Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge next on 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](mailto:staff@stcb.ca). Please update your address books. We will be closing the [staff@stchristophersburlington.com](mailto: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 March 11th, and 18th. Church school will continue as usual during the 9:30 am service. Toys and stories will be available during the 11:30 service. A big thanks to the volunteers who are making this happen!

### Ginger Group

Our next meeting for retired gentlemen of the parish and guests will take place tomorrow, March 5th, in the Great Hall. Activities will commence at 11.45 am. Come and join us for lunch, refreshments, and fellowship. Contacts: Winston Campbell or, George Beadle.

### 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

### Lent Madness

Lent Madness is well underway! We have about a dozen people competing in the bracket competition but you don't have to have submitted a bracket to play along. Go to [lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org) and read the profiles of this week's match-up and cast your vote online. Be sure to check the poster in the Narthex to see how the results are shaping up!

## 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.

## 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 at the moment 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](http://blood.ca) or call 1-888-2-DONATE and 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.

## Update on our Refugee Family

You may remember that two years ago, we sponsored the Masri family from Syria. While our official obligation to them is over, the ties of friendship and community remain. If you would like to know how they are doing, deepen the ties of friendship, or help them as they continue to make the adjustment to life in Canada, please check the bulletin board near the family room. There are lots of little ways that we can connect with them, and offer our aid as they make their home here.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Birthdays this week

Gord Archbell	Hollis Hiscock
Pat Isbister	Tanya Ruthven
Stuart Grant	Graeme McKelvie
Joan Turpin	Kieran Curtis
Brandon Lloyd	Denise Novak
Mary Ayliffe	Leslie Landers
Graham Nicolls	Gord Russell
Paige Collins	Catherine Matthias
Gerry Norman	Cherie Rudge
Barb Brown	Molly Wiebe

### Services this Week

#### Thursday, March 8th

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
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
Wednesday	5:30pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Thursday	10:00am	Active Tots
	7:30pm	The Man Born to Be King
	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