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## Week of May 12th, 2019

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

- Dorothy Earle, lovingly remembered by her family.
- Mary MacDonald, loving mother of Sue, Chris, and Heather.
- Marjorie Clegg, loving mother of Mary MacDonald and Robert Erb.
- Ralph Pawson, lovingly remembered by his son Rob.

### Sunday Conversations:

Please join Michelle in the Family Room this morning at 10:45am for the first of a series of three conversations. She will be sharing some of the information the parish council discussed at their recent retreat which many found very informative and helpful.

### Do you speak a language other than English?

We need readers, of languages other than english, to participate in our Pentecost service! Please contact Michelle for more information, or to sign up.

### Shape the New Diocesan Vision

You are invited to participate in one of the following gatherings to share your hopes, aspirations and dreams for renewal and mission in your parish and the diocese! This open forum discernment process is for everyone who wants to give voice to their thoughts and experiences, and to listen as others share their perspectives.

- May 22; 7pm at St. Luke's, Palermo (Oakville)
- May 28; 7pm at Transfiguration, (St. Catharines)
- May 29; 7pm All Saints Lutheran Anglican (Guelph)

For more information, please call the office.

### Christmas Market Meeting

Let's talk Christmas! I have booked the Family Room for a meeting on Wed May 15 at 7 pm. The Market is booked for Sat Nov 16. If you are unable to attend but have questions or ideas you would like to share, please message Trudy Johnson.

### Open Doors Clothing Store

The warmer weather has arrived and we are in need of spring and summer clothing for the whole family. Donations can be dropped off at any time during church office hours or during Clothing Store hours, Tues 4-6pm, Thurs 12:45-1:45pm or Sat morning 10am-12pm.

### Let's Open Doors Gala

May 24th - 7:30pm-10pm

An exciting evening of Silent and Live Auctions, gourmet appetizers, wine, music, and merriment! Tickets are \$25 per person and are available in the office Mon-Fri or in the Narthex on Sundays. Tickets are also available online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lets-open-doors-gala-tickets-58669617405>

### Volunteer Appreciation

May 29th - 7-9 pm

Please join us for a special gathering of recognition for all of our amazing volunteers on the evening of Wednesday, May 29th from 7-9 pm in the Great Hall.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

### Discernment Day

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 1st. This is an opportunity to provide input on the liturgy and programming for the coming year.

### Bible Study / Seniors' Lunch

Next lunch - Thursday, May 23rd

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.

### Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing next on, Monday, May 20th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels welcome!

The **May 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!

### Baptism Dates

If you, or someone you know is interested in being baptized, the next opportunity to participate will be on Pentecost, June 9th. Please speak with Jon or Michelle.

### Fun in the Sun - Kingdom Rock

This year's summer day camp dates are July 29 - August 2. Registration forms are available on our website - stcb.ca, on the Welcome Table and in the office. For more information, please speak to Trudy.

### Fun in the Sun Leaders:

Youth of the parish are invited to apply to be part of the leadership team for FITS. Students in grades 5-7 would be Leaders in Training. Those in grades 8+ will be junior and senior counsellors. This is a 2 week commitment, July 22 to Aug 2. There will also be an orientation day in June. Please contact Trudy Johnson if you have any questions. Application forms are available in the church office, on the Welcome Table, or you can download from our website. Please apply as soon as possible.

## 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. Please call or email Christina for more information: [opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca](mailto:opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca)

## Cash In for St. Christopher's

Once again we are offering an opportunity to donate broken or unwanted gold and silver jewellery, silver (sterling and plate) and coins and stamps as a contribution to our debt relief. Bring your items to the church between 1 and 4 pm on one of the following dates for evaluation: June 6, 8, 13, 15. You will be issued a tax receipt for the value.

## Ginger Group

Port Nelson United Church will host the May 27th meeting for retired/semi-retired gentlemen and guests of St. Christopher's. On the agenda is a presentation by artist and lecturer Doug Cockell; refreshments and a bar-b-q. Port Nelson is located at 3132 South Drive, off Rossmore. 905.637.5631. Activities commence at 11.45 am. Please contact Winston Campbell, 905.336.1397, if you require further information.

## Baking Day for Silent Auction

On Thursday, May 23rd, we will gather for an afternoon of baking in the kitchen. Please bring in your ingredients to make at least two dozen cookies, squares, tarts etc. Whatever we create that day will be used at the Gala the following day. If you would like to help out, please contact Christina in the office Mon - Fri as space will be limited.

## Plant Sale

*Saturday, May 25th 8am -11:30am*

We are partnering again this year with the Burlington Horticultural Society for our annual plant sale. Come purchase your garden plants from us that weekend. If you can contribute to the sale by donating some of your garden clippings, please drop them off beginning May 23rd after 1pm. We ask that all contributions be repotted appropriately so that they are ready for sale. Thank you!

## Get in the Garden

Our Community Garden provides fresh produce for anyone who can use it as well as for our community meals. The Halton Food Council will be helping us to get ready for the coming season. If you are able to donate soil, tools, gloves, or Home Depot gift cards, they would be most appreciated. We could also use some loads of free compost from Halton Region if you are able to pick one up. Please join us on May 25th 9am-12pm to help get the garden in shape. For more information please contact Christina at [opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca](mailto:opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca) or 905.634.1809.

## Bishop's Company Dinner

Primate Fred Hiltz will be speaking at the Bishop's Company dinner on Monday, May 27. St. Christopher's has a limited number of seats for this event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Birthdays this week

Barb Dudik	Gloria Maddox
Susan Roche	Bruce Jank
Greg Turney	Christine West
Carol Caunce	Olivia Winslow
Carolyn Ribbons	Barb Tannyan
Jon Forbes	Erin Rudge
Hannah Warby	Liam Armstrong
Kristina Beeby-Curtis	Karen MacLean
Bev Robinson	Jackie Smith
Joanne Brodie	Tyler Hewitson

### Anniversaries this week

Anne & Drew Norris	(30)
Gord & Nancy Hall	(55)
Jillian & Chris Stewart	(9)
Bob & Sandra Rudge	(51)
Dave & Jackie Smith	(51)

### Services this Week

#### Thursday, May 16th

11:00 am Easter Eucharist

#### Sunday, May 19th

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
	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
Wednesday	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	12:45pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
Friday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	9:00am	Clean-up
	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store