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Week of May 13th, 2018

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

- Betty Cross, wife of Bob Cross.
- Howard & Mary Eleanor Sheppard, parents of the late Betty Cross.
- Robert & Anna Grace Cross, parents of Bob Cross.
- 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.

Exciting news!

We have received three grants to begin construction for new active play areas on our grounds. This will include a fenced area in the back corner of the parking lot (kittycorner to the preschool yard) for basketball and other games, and a low iron fence around the front yard for playing ball and holding parish events. We have nearly 100 kids come through our doors each week, so this is an important step in making them feel welcome and safe on our grounds. Construction for the project begins the first week of June.

Fresh Food Box - Volunteers

We will be packing again this week on Tuesday the 15th of May. 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.



Annual Author Pot Luck Luncheon

The members of the Book Club invite you to join them and meet author Frances Itani on Wednesday, May 16th at noon. Registration is required. We also request an item of food of your choice to share at the Pot Luck and a small donation toward costs. Contact Valerie Barnes at 905.639.7952 or vbarnes@cogeco.ca

The Bible Challenge

No new books this week. Happy reading!

This week's reading schedule:

Monday: 1 Kings 4-6; Psalm 99; Acts 14
Tuesday: 1 Kings 7-9; Psalm 100; Acts 15
Wednesday: 1 Kings 10-12; Psalm 101; Acts 16
Thursday: 1 Kings 13-15; Psalm 102; Acts 17
Friday: 1 Kings 16-18; Psalm 103; Acts 18
Saturday: 1 Kings 19-21; Psalm 104; Acts 19
Sunday: Hear the Bible in Church!

Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge next on Monday, May 28th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. Please join us if you would like to play!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

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! www.stcb.ca.

Plant Sale

Have perennials that need to be split? Consider donating your plants to our annual plant sale being held May 26th from 8 am until 11:30 am. Drop off plants at the church May 25th. Please talk to Rachel for more information.

Fun in the Sun

The theme of this year's Fun in the Sun summer day camp is Creation Exploration. Camp dates are July 30 - August 3 with both a full and half day program option. Registration forms are on the Welcome Table. For more information, talk to Allison.

Ginger Group Meeting:

Join us for our season ending bar-b-q on May 28th at 11:45 am in the Great Hall. All retired gentlemen of the parish and guests are invited.

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 in the parish office or at mboomgaard@stcb.ca for more information, or to sign up.

Newcomer Lunch

If you are new, or relatively new, to the parish then we hope that you will be able to join us for lunch on Sunday, May 27th at 12:30 pm (following the third service). This will be an opportunity to get to know one another better and to share information about the ministry at St. Christopher's. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Volunteer Appreciation Evening

We want to celebrate you! Please SAVE THE DATE for our annual Volunteer Appreciation event on Monday, May 28th, from 7-9 pm. The ministry and programming that we share makes our community a better place in which to live, work, and celebrate. Thank you for being a vital part of that! Bring some finger food to share and we'll provide the beverages and entertainment!

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, June 9 here at St. Christopher's from 9 am - 12:30 pm. Cost: no charge. For more information, please call the office or speak to Michelle.

Spring Clean-Up Day

Please mark your calendars now for clean-up day on Saturday, May 26th from 9am - noon. If you can help, please contact the office or speak with Paul Tomlinson.



Church School Info

Allison Courey is collecting emails of parents and caregivers who are interested in receiving information about lessons and activities from Sunday church school. Please let her know if you would like to be added to that list.

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, June 10th at 4 pm. We will welcome Jim Sandilands (bass) and other musical guests.

Gardeners Wanted!

We are looking for people to adopt a bed in our Community Access Garden. You would be responsible for helping to tend one or two boxes throughout the growing season. Help can be arranged if you are going on holiday. Everyone is welcome to share in the watering, care, and harvest of the garden. Sign up in the Narthex. Group planting day will be announced shortly. Talk with Rachel for more info.

Spring is Sprung, the Grass is Riz...

Many thanks to our (small but mighty) team of people who maintain our lawns through the growing season! If you would be willing to add your name to the roster of folks we could call when there is mowing (ride-on and push) and trimming that needs to be done, would you please advise Sandi Smith or the church office. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our parishioner, Paul Tomlinson, on his nomination as Burlington's Best Senior Person of the Year! Paul is immensely supportive of St. Christopher's through his work with the Food Bank and Property Committee. Clearly he shares his gifts more broadly in Burlington as well and we are grateful for all his gifts to us and the wider community!

Sound System

If you would be interested in some training (or a refresher) on the use of the sound system and microphones in the church, you are welcome to join us on Monday, June 11 at 6:30 pm. Souren Dermentjian and Chris Byrnes will be instructing us on how to get the best results from our system. Contact the office if you would like more information.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Bruce Jank	Greg Turney
Christine West	Carol Counce
Polly Ford-Jones	Olivia Winslow
Carolyn Ribbons	Barbara Tannyan
Erin Rudge	Hannah Warby
Liam Armstrong	Kristina Beeby-Curtis
Karen MacLean	Bev Robinson
Jackie Smith	Joanne Brodie
Tyler Hewitson	Barb Brusey
Shayne Elliott	Jules Kovach
Zach Vernon	Edith Walsh

Anniversaries this week

Gord & Nancy Hall	(54)
Bob & Sandra Rudge	(50)
Dave & Jackie Smith	(50)

Services this Week

Thursday, May 17th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 20th

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
	12:00pm	Senior Singles Pot Luck
	4:30pm	Shine
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	8:30am	Halton Fresh Food Box Packing
	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	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	12:00pm	Book Club Pot Luck Luncheon
	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
Friday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank