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Week of November 25th, 2018

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

- William & Edith Nichol, remembered with love by their daughter Lois MacRae.

Photo Directory

Our directory will not be complete without you! We have booked two final days with the Lifetouch photographers this week, Wednesday November 28th and Thursday, November 29th. Appointment slots are available between 2 pm and 8:50 pm each day. To book your ten minute appointment, please call the church office or follow the link in the email blast to book online.

Advent Quiet Day - Saturday, December 1st

Before the rush and stress of the secular Christmas shopping season, take a moment to Prepare the Way of the Lord. Join us for a pre-Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 1, from 10 am until 2 pm. This Ignatian-style mini-retreat will offer times of reflection, and opportunities for your own journaling, reading or other quiet activities. We will conclude with a Eucharist. Reservations would be helpful to prepare for lunch, but are not required. Free will offerings will be accepted to help cover the cost of food. Questions? Contact Rev. Michelle (mboomgaard@stcb.ca)

Christmas Families - December 8

There are only 2 more weeks until our annual Christmas Families Program!!! Please bring your donations from the Giving Tree (hanging in the Narthex) during business hours to the church office. We kindly ask you deliver them, unwrapped, before December 5th. We would also be most grateful for the donation of any new toys, new clothing, new board games, new books, new mittens, new hats, new gifts for seniors and gift cards. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christina at (905) 634-1809 or opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca.



Advent Lessons & Carols - Save the Date!

Dec. 9th at 4 pm

The arrival of God on earth is foretold by prophets, actors, scripture, liturgical dancers, priests, sages, choir, band, and youth choir. Tree Lighting, cookies, and hot chocolate following the service!

Tourtieres and Apple Pies are on sale in the Narthex this morning. We have a supply of 9" tourtières (\$18) and there are also a very limited number of 8" (\$13) and apple pies (\$10). You can also contact the office next week during regular office hours and we will let you know if any are still available.

Christmas Market Meeting

There is a Christmas Market debrief and wrap-up meeting tomorrow evening, Monday, Nov 26th at 7 pm in the Family Room. Please come with your reports, ideas, and feedback and to share some celebratory time with other participants!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing tomorrow, Monday, November 26th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels welcome!

Bible Study

Our Thursday morning Bible study meets at 10:15 am in the Family Room. Come for coffee and great conversation before the 11 am service. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon!

Tuesday Seniors' Social Group

Each Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 pm you will find a group of seniors gathered in the Family Room and Narthex for refreshments, games and camaraderie. All are welcome to join the group. For more information, please call the church office at 905.634.1809.

Church Calendars

2019 Canadian Anglican Church Calendars are now available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



Regular Office Hours

Our fall/winter regular office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 am until 4:30 pm and Friday, 9 am until noon. You can reach us at 905.634.1809

Mix and Mingle (M&M) group will be having a get-together on Friday, November 30th. We will meet downtown at 6:10 pm in front of Coffee Culture, 390 Brant, (corner of Elgin, one block north of Lakeshore). We will head to City Hall at 6:20pm for the annual candlelit stroll from Civic Square to Spencer Smith Park. Plenty of activities to enjoy from 6 to 7pm, including a BBQ, (put on by The Works) so bring your wallets! The stroll starts at 7pm with musical stops throughout the downtown core, ending at the Festival of Lights in Spencer Smith Park. All ages are welcome to join us. Parking is free after 6pm.

Ginger Group

Retired gentlemen of the parish and guests are invited to Christmas lunch on December 10th. Activities commence at 11:45 am in the Great Hall. For additional information, please contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle.

Stewardship Campaign

This morning we will be blessing the pledge cards which have been returned, and the ministries that they will enable. Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge for 2019. If you have not already done so, please return them as soon as possible. Your intentions are a vital part of our ability to budget and plan for the coming year.

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.

Food Bank Volunteers

The Food Bank is a vital part of our Open Doors outreach programming in at St. Christopher's. Hundreds of families every month come to seek support through the Food Bank and the need only increases in the colder months. Due to a recent change in scheduling, one of our main suppliers to the Food Bank has requested we begin to pick up our food order. We are looking for volunteers on Wednesday or Thursday to pick up and deliver as well as a small team to stock the shelves when it arrives. Please call Christina at (905)634-1809 or opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca if you think you might be able to help in this capacity.

The Bible Challenge

You may have noticed that we seem to be slowing down a bit as we approach the end. This week, we will only be reading two chapters and a psalm each day! (we will pick up the pace again later)

Some may appreciate this lightening of the load after some months of hard going. And, it may make things more manageable during what may otherwise be a very busy time of the year. Others, however, may want to plow ahead and finish a bit early, before the holiday rush. Whichever you do is fine – just remember that we will only be previewing books as they appear on the official schedule.

This week's reading schedule:

Monday: Amos 3; Psalm 109; Matthew 11
Tuesday: Amos 4; Psalm 110; Matthew 12
Wednesday: Amos 5; Psalm 111; Matthew 13
Thursday: Amos 6; Psalm 112; Matthew 14
Friday: Amos 7; Psalm 113; Matthew 15
Saturday: Amos 8; Psalm 114; Matthew 16
Sunday – see you in church!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Diane Armitage	Brendan Byrnes
Ali Ernst	Lauren Honan
Karen Vintinner	Evelyn Watson
Matt Robitaille	Scott Vassell-Pittman
Jeanie Darby	Savannah Low
Samantha Ponting	Will Potts
Sherry Mototsune	Rachael Stewart
Joanne Vassell Pittman	Hope Magnus
Geoff Stephen	

Anniversaries this week

Anthony & Lee Ford-Jones (39)

Services This Week

Thursday 11:00am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, December 2nd

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	7:00pm	Christmas Market Meeting
	9:00am	Men's Cooking #2
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Afternoon Social
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
Wednesday	4:30pm	Food Bank
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	2:00pm	Lifetouch Photography
	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
Friday	2:00pm	Lifetouch Photography
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break	
Saturday	10:00am	Advent Quiet Day
	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store