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Week of October 29th, 2017

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

- Harold, Priscilla & Walter Russell, parents & brother of Gordon Russell.
- Basil Little, brother of Dorothy Brownhill, and uncle of Diane Miller.
- Mary MacDonald, remembered on her birthday by her friends in the kitchen at St. Christopher's.

Thank You Jim

This morning marks our last Sunday with Jim Sandilands in his role as our Interim Priest in Charge. Jim has been with us since Steve began a leave of absence in the spring of 2015 and he has seen us through all that goes on, joyous and difficult, in a busy parish this size. We hope that you took a moment to write your thanks on a card at the door this morning and placed it in the offertory box. Please stay with us after the service for coffee hour if you are able to as well.

Ginger Group - October 30th

Mr. Karl Barhardt will join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 30th. Karl is an artist and his drawings capture the emotion of our front line warriors with detail and accuracy. Activities commence at 11.45 am in the Great Hall. Please join us all you retired gentlemen of the parish. Feel free to bring guests who are also interested in this presentation and for fellowship. Contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle for further information.

Celebration of New Ministry - Dan Cranley

We are invited to the Church of the Transfiguration to share their Celebration of New Ministry for Dan Cranley. The service next Sunday, November 5th is at 5 pm. The address is 111 Manor Rd. E. in Toronto. There are copies of the poster (with a map) available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. If you would be interested in carpooling, please let the office know, 905.634.1809 or staff@stcb.ca

All Souls' - Bereavement Service

Remembering Those Who have Died. Join us on November 2nd at 7:30 pm for a quiet, reflective service. All are welcome. If you would like your loved one's name added to the list of those being remembered, please contact the office by phone or email (staff@stcb.ca) by Tuesday noon at the latest.

Pints & Compline

Pints & Compline will gather next on Wednesday November 29th from 7:30 - 9 pm at The Dickens Pub. Join us for a conversation about Bible, theology, and life followed by a short service of night prayer. Everyone 19+ is welcome.

Church Email Addresses

Our church email addresses have changed and now end with .stcb.ca. The general office email address is staff@stcb.ca. Please update your address books. We will be closing the .stchristophersburlington.com accounts soon.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Knitting

If you have been knitting items for our Christmas Market, we would be happy to receive them now. We are getting ready for November 18th!

Upcoming Jazz Vespers

We will celebrate Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, November 12th at 4pm. Please join us!

Thursday Bible Study and Service

Please join us on Thursday mornings for Bible study at 10:15 am in the Family Room. Come for coffee and great conversation before the 11am service which will be held in the Family Room for the duration of our roofing project. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon.

A Warm Welcome

There are a couple of ways that you can help us to extend hospitality to everyone who enters our worship space on Sunday mornings. One is to place your belongings on the floor rather than on the chairs so that it is easy for people to find a space to sit. Newcomers in particular are reluctant to ask you to make room for them. You can also regularly wear your nametag. 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.

PWRDF Christmas Gifts

Give a goat! The 2017 PWRDF World of Gifts brochure is available on our PWRDF table in the Narthex. Global Affairs Canada is providing \$6 for every \$1 that you spend of selected gifts this year so please consider these items for friends and family at Christmas. See Valerie Barnes for more details.

Open Doors Hallowe'en Party

Hallowe'en falls on a Tuesday this year and so we will be taking the opportunity to have a themed party during our Open Doors programming on the 31st. If you are able to donate candy it would be most appreciated. You can give your donations to Allison or bring them to the church office.

Coldest Night - February 24th

The Coldest Night of the Year walk this year will take place on Saturday, February 24th. This is the major fundraiser of the year for our outreach ministry through Open Doors programs. Please consider walking yourself, joining one of our teams, or forming your own team. Begin letting your friends and acquaintances know that you will be looking for sponsors and why the issue of poverty and homelessness is important enough to you to participate in this event.

Blanket Exercise

St. Luke's Anglican Church, Ontario Street, will be hosting a Blanket Exercise 9:30 to 1:00 on November 4. The Blanket Exercise is a simulation that illustrates the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Experience the Indigenous rights history we are rarely taught. Contact 905-921-7387 for information or to register.

Tourtières

A big "Thank You" to all those who helped make tourtières and apple pies! Our freezers are well stocked for the Christmas Market thanks to the dedicated efforts of a team of volunteers over the past six weeks. This is an incredibly hardworking group of people who are a whole lot of fun to work with! Merci. Mille fois.

Newcomers Wine & Cheese

If you are new to the parish and would like to know more about our ministry and programs, we hope that you will join us on Wednesday evening, November 8th from 7-8:30 pm in the Family Room. Invitations are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

Christmas Baking

We will need lots and lots of cookies for our bake table at the Christmas Market. If you can help, please visit the sign-up table in the Narthex this morning. We have lots of recipes available.

Sound System at 8 am

We have a roster of folks who operate the sound system in the church and record the sermon each week. We are currently looking for a few more people who would be willing to take on these duties during the 8 am Sunday service. It is a fairly simple routine, training is provided, and the instructions are posted on the system. If you are interested, please speak to Andy or John Stephen.

Children's Education Day for All Saints'

There will be an education day at the church for kids to engage the Christian feast of All Saints on Wed, Nov 1 from 10 am - 3 pm. School boards allow children to miss school for religious education on holy days. Any parents interested in having their kids learn about the holiday are welcome and invited to register with Allison: acourey@scb.ca.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Joshua Laugesen	Colleen Maunder
Don McTavish	Liam Thomason
Barbara Tregunno	Martin Pinney
Lisa Portelli	Nigel Barber
Brenda Brouwers	Ava Bianco
Sam Mototsune	Chris Byrnes
Justine Hamilton	Rosemary Martin
Malcolm Ramsay	Stephanie Schmeler
Rick Wilson	Peter Bush
Lelia Holman	Dan Venables
Eric Smith	Jennifer Catton
Miriam Miller	Ruby Norris
Maurice Matthias-Urquhart	

Anniversaries this week

Winston & Gloria Campbell	(51)
Steve Hopkins & Elizabeth Wensley	(37)
Peter & Susan Olynyk	(38)

Services This Week

Thursday	11:00am	Holy Eucharist
	7:30pm	All Souls Remembrance

Services Next Sunday, November 5th

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
	4:30pm	SHINE
	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 Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	9:00am	All Saints' Education Day
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank