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Week of September 16th, 2018

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

- Dirk Boomgaard
- Robert (Bob) Crew, husband of the late Shirley Crew, father of Diana, Bill, & Bob, remembered with love by all the family.
- Marian Sweetman, remembered with love by her husband John, and her sons Jim and George.

Launch Sunday Brunch

Many thanks to all those who helped to make last Sunday's hospitality after the services so inviting! It was great to see so many folks out and catching up with each other after their summer adventures.

Bread Makers

Our communion bread is made at home by a team of bread makers in our congregation. If you would be willing to bake and provide the bread (no more than once each month) please contact Katie Cunningham or the church office. We will provide you with a recipe which is suitable for use in a bread maker or by hand.

Children's and Youth Ministry

Please keep Rev. Allison Courey in your prayers and join us in wishing her a speedy recovery. She has been unwell and on the advice of her doctor, has requested a short term medical leave. She hopes to return around Thanksgiving. We will continue to provide programming for children and youth while she is away. Many thanks to the volunteers who will be filling in until then.

9:30 am Choir

If you would like to sing with our choir at the 9:30 services on Sunday mornings, this is an excellent time to join the team. We have just resumed practising after the summer and there is room for all voices, most particularly tenors and basses. Please speak with Andy if you are interested.

Rev. Jonathon Forbes - Pastoral Associate

We are so pleased to announce that the Rev. Jonathon Forbes will be joining us as Pastoral Associate beginning on October 1st. You can read a bit more about Jon in the September Messenger as we look forward to his arrival.

A Creed for St. Christopher's

Last week we began a six week learning series on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm or Thursday mornings from 10:15 - 11 am. Join us as we explore the purpose of the Creeds in the Church, why they were important, and whether the issues they were meant to address still exist today. In the process, we hope to write a Creed for our own community. For more information, speak with Michelle.

The **September Messenger** and our annual event and program calendar is available. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

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.

Youth Choir

If you are between the ages of 8 and 14, and are interested in joining our newly formed Youth Choir, please talk to Andy. Practices are Mondays from 5:15 - 5:45 pm.

Bridge

After taking the summer off, we will be gathering to play Bridge tomorrow, Monday, September 17th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels welcome!

Fall Rummage Sale

It's coming up on Oct 26th and 27th. Mark it in your calendar and plan to come and help out. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Choir Cabaret

Saturday, October 20th - 6 pm

A cabaret featuring our choir and soloists. Invite your family and friends to this fun, social evening. More details to come!

L&L Planning Day

Saturday, September 22nd

Come and join the conversation from 9 am - noon, as we set topics for discussion and learning programs as well as planning the liturgies for the seasons of Advent and Epiphany. For more information, speak with Michelle.

Christmas Market

Calling all elves! Preparations are well in hand but more helpers are needed. Tom Bibby needs hands in the kitchen for making preserves. Once volunteers are in place then dates can be booked for the kitchen. Donations of knitted, crocheted, and sewn items are most welcome for the hand made table. We will be having a table for items of interest to pet owners so donations will be most welcome. Coordinators for Shortbread, Candy, and Gift Baskets would be a wonderful addition. The next Market meeting is Wed Sept 26, 7 pm in the Family Room.

Tourtières

This Wednesday, September 19th is the first tourtière preparation date. If you would be willing to help shop for supplies, cook the filling, make the pastry, roll the pastry, fill the shells, crimp, bag, or stock the freezers, then we have a job for you! Please visit the sign-up table this Sunday in the Great Hall. The kitchen is a great place to meet new people. Come join us! For more information please contact the church office at 905.634.1809.



Ginger Group - September 24th

Ginger group returns September 24th with a presentation by Mr. John Gerrard who is a representative from Habitat for Humanity. Retired gentlemen of the parish and guests are invited. Activities commence at 11:45 am in the Great Hall. Contacts: Winston Campbell or George Beadle.

Server Corps Training!

Would you like to be part of the server corps? Adults are welcome to join our server corps at any time, but we are especially eager to have young people (grade 7 and up) to assist at the 9:30 service. Servers would be part of a team, and would not need to serve every Sunday. If you are interested in serving, please speak to Michelle (mboomgaard@stcb.ca). We hope to have a training session before the end of September.

Do you like to dance?

Children 6 years of age and over wishing to join St. Christopher's liturgical dancers, please contact Allison Wright at 905.331.9328. Rehearsals follow the 9:30 am service.



Safe Food Handling

Halton Region will be coming to offer a Safe Food Handling Certification course on October 3rd from 2-4 pm. If you use our church kitchen, please consider attending to certify or re-certify your skills. Talk to Sandi Smith or Rachel Courey for more details. Cost - \$10.

Fresh Food Box - Volunteers

We will be packing again this week on Tuesday the 18th of September. 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.



Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd - 6:30 pm

Bring your pets to this service as we thank God for the gifts animals bring to our lives!

Nametags are a great way to get to know one another better! Please try to remember to wear yours. If you are new to the parish we will automatically create a nametag for you when we receive a blue form (which you will find on the Welcome Table). If you need a new nametag, please contact the church office and we would be happy to make one for you!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Ken Beeby	John Calvert
Matthew Portelli	Christopher Turpin
John Alsop	Patricia Chambers
Dax Stevens	Heather Grant
Anna-Kate Mawhinney	Phylis Trudeau
Jessalyn Turpin	J.J. Alsop
Chris Demopolis	Susan Ferguson
Joe McGavin	Laura Sousa
Margaret Bentley	Laura Martin
Lisa Potts	Meghan Williams

Anniversaries this week

Andrew & Suzanne Phillips	(29)
Bob & Kaye Foster	(65)
Gill & Allan Jones	(48)
Jack & Hazel Phillips	(66)
Rosemary Quinsey & Christian Wachna	(6)
Phil & Christine West	(11)

Services This Week

Thursday 11:00am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, September 23rd

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

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
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	8:00am	Tourtières
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
	1:00pm	Book Club
	7:00pm	A Creed for St. Christopher's
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
Friday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	9:00am	Liturgy & Learning Planning Day
	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store