

Dear Friends:

February 2017

With Lent just around the corner, we wanted to take some time to reflect on what has transpired at Christ Church since we last wrote to you at Christmas and, more importantly, draw to your attention what the Clergy and lay leadership have planned for Lent and Easter. The forty days of Lent are a time of reflection and preparation in which to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. We hope that as you read through this communication you will see that Christ Church has intentionally themed events around the traditional disciplines of Lent. At the Ash Wednesday service, we are invited to “observe a Holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayers, fasting and almsgiving and by reading and mediating on the word of God” (BAS pp 282) and we pray that you will join us in our journey.

DISCIPLESHIP

Youth Groups

Looking backward – what a busy few months this has been. We kicked off the New Year with snow tubing at Chicopee in Kitchener and at the time of writing this a group of folks is off to see Disney/Pixar’s *Ratatouille* with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at Roy Thomson Hall. The groups have enjoyed fellowship and learning about God’s love through baking, dinner parties, movies and skating ~ do take a moment to check out our website for current photos and current news about all our events. The full January to June schedule is posted at: <http://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/youth>.

And looking forward - Our Junior (Grades 6 – 8) and Senior Youth (Grades 9 – 12) groups focus throughout Lent will be *grace* ~ how to receive it, see it and give it. Our Junior Youth will be volunteering Ste. Louise Outreach while our Senior Youth will be attending Regeneration. Together we will learn the life story of Michael Bull Roberts who transformed from a life of violent crime to one of love. We will watch a documentary of his life, *Notorious to Glorious* and then we will have an opportunity to meet him.

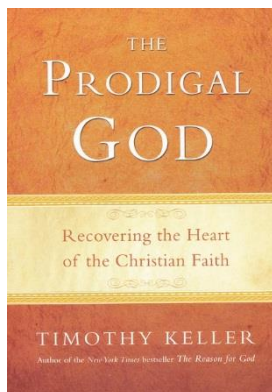


We remain grateful for all those that minister in this area and to those parents, grandparents and guardians that make youth faith development a priority in this world of many conflicting priorities.

Adult Lenten Study

The Prodigal God ~ Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith

by Timothy Keller



Using his characteristic intellectual approach to faith issues, Keller uncovers an unexpected message in the familiar---and often misunderstood---New Testament parable of the prodigal son. Seekers and believers alike will see Christianity in a whole new way when they learn how Christ's followers are *supposed* to love, so they can join him in heaven. <https://www.christianbook.com/prodigal-recovering-the-heart-christian-faith/timothy-keller>

Join our leaders and hosts for this small group 6-session study as we journey together through Lent. Books are available for \$15 and we have various time & locations ~ all available for sign-up in the Parish Office!

Start dates are:

1. **Sunday, February 26th @ 1:00 pm** at Christ Church
2. **Monday, February 27th @ 10:00 am** at Inez Moore’s - Filled
3. **Monday, February 27th @ 7:00 pm** at Byron & Kim Gilmore’s
4. **Thursday, March 2nd @ 7:00 pm** at Kathy Bell’s

LITURGY & WORSHIP

The sidebar to the right highlights just some of our services that we have planned throughout Lent but there is more that we would like to draw your attention to:

- **Family Lenten Service (Tuesday, February 28th @ 7:00 pm)**

Enjoy the Pancake Supper and then join Jeff and Tina in the church for a brief worship service on the eve of Ash Wednesday. They will help you and your family develop some new holy habits ~ *think prayer!*

- **Christ in the Passover (Sunday, April 9th @ 4:00)**

Come and experience, the Passover from a Jewish and Christian perspective and see the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Holy Eucharist.

- **Family Good Friday Service (Friday, April 14th @ 9:00 am)**

Our family service this year will be an interactive service that tells the story of Holy Week. Join us in the auditorium.



- ✠ **Sunday, April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday**

- 7:45 am - Said Eucharist
- 9:00 am - Contemporary Eucharist
- **11:00 am** – Choral Eucharist
- 4:00 pm – Christ in the Passover (*see above*)

- ✠ **Thursday, April 13, 2017 – Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00 pm with foot washing and stripping of the altar

- ✠ **Friday, April 14, 2017 – Good Friday**

- 9:00 am Family Service (*see above*)
- 11:00 am Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion (*see right*)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

- ✠ **Saturday, April 15, 2017 – Holy Saturday**

- Easter Vigil @ 7:00 pm at St. James the Apostle

- ✠ **Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday**

- 7:45 am - Said Eucharist
- 9:00 am - Contemporary Eucharist
- 11:00 am – Choral Eucharist



March 1, 2017 Services

Eucharist with
Imposition of the Ashes at:

- 7:00 am @ Christ Church
- 10:30 am @ Peel Manor
- 12:30 pm @ Christ Church ~ **new this year**
- 7:00 pm @ Christ Church

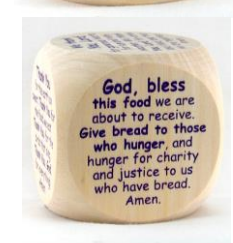
Important Announcement



Good Friday April 14 @ 11:00 am

The Right Reverend Jenny Andison, Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Toronto and our new Area Bishop will be preaching and leading us in worship.

Shrove Tuesday Teaser



Just what are these?

OUTREACH



Our Rector is again captaining our Christ Church team for the Coldest Night of the Year Walk on February 25, 2017 in support of Regeneration Outreach Community. Please consider joining our team or sponsoring a team member. You can simply make a direct donation by following the link below or use offering envelopes located in the Parish Office.

The latter will be receipted by Christ Church but the funds will be directed to Coldest Night of the Year.

About Direct Donation – this link below takes you to the Brampton location page. Select “Team” and scroll until you see the Christ Church Team. You may sponsor either the team or an individual member ~ it’s that easy!
<https://canada.cnoy.org/location/brampton>

PARISH LIFE

Much research tells us that a personal invitation is the most effective way to have folks come to church...we have no problem, it seems, inviting people out to dinner or a movie but when it comes to inviting people to church, we sometimes feel embarrassed or fearful that the answer may be “no”. We have just the solution for you! Two upcoming events that hit the mark on dinner and a movie!

CHRIST CHURCH BRAMPTON

PANCAKE SUPPER



FEBRUARY 28, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 PM
\$5 SINGLE/\$20 FAMILY

Includes Sausages, Beverage & Dessert!!

Tickets are available on Sunday mornings or call the Parish Office at 905-451-6649



After supper, plan to stay for the Family Lenten service in the church at 7:00 pm.

We promise it to be brief because we know it is a school night.

Grace Card

March 5th @ 4:00 pm
Sunday Afternoon at the Movies
A Free Event ~ Come As You Are!



When Mac McDonald loses his son in an accident, the ensuing 17 years of bitterness and pain erodes his love for his family and leaves him angry with God ... and just about everyone else.

Mac’s rage stonewalls his career in the police department and makes for a combustible situation when he’s partnered with Sam Wright, a rising star on the force — who happens to be a part-time pastor and a loving family man.

Can they somehow join forces to help one another when it’s impossible for either of them to look past their differences — especially the most obvious one?

Every day, we have the opportunity to rebuild relationships and heal deep wounds by extending and receiving God’s grace. Offer THE GRACE CARD ... and never underestimate the power of God’s love.

Be part of a grace awakening with this powerful film!

A freewill offering will be directed to our local foodbank partners



Did you know that you can check us out on Facebook without joining Facebook? Or view current Facebook postings on the front page of our Website?

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

What Is Our Financial Position? Below is a snapshot of our financial position at the end of our 2nd fiscal quarter (December 31, 2016). As always, we welcome any questions that you might have ~ if you have a question; likely someone else has a similar one! Over all, we are pleased with the results albeit with some concerns in the drop off of General Offerings.

Christ Church (Brampton)	1	2	3	4	5
Statement of Operations	General Fund	Future Ministries	Total	General Fund	Budget
<i>For the period ended Dec 31, 2016</i>	31-Dec	31-Dec		31-Dec	31-Dec
	2016	2016		2015	2016
Revenue					
Donations <small>(see Note 1)</small>	\$ 156,426		\$ 156,426	\$ 176,044	\$ 172,654
Rental income	13,200		13,200	13,200	13,530
Other income	11,644	\$ 5,000	16,644	7,465	6,371
Special Donation <small>(see Note 2)</small>	13,182		13,182		
Investment income	1,480		1,480	2,866	2,500
HST rebates	6,272		6,272	6,145	4,952
Our Faith Our Hope	2,047		2,047	3,159	828
Future Ministry Fund		7,009	7,009	7,009	15,275
Grant income		10,000	10,000		12,500
Total revenue	\$ 204,251	\$ 22,009	\$ 226,260	\$ 215,888	\$ 228,609
Expenditures					
Salaries and benefits	\$ 98,955	\$ 22,009	\$ 120,964	\$ 97,454	\$ 121,875
Diocesan allotment	30,336		30,336	29,349	31,168
Repairs and maintenance	15,271		15,271	25,083	22,234
Music	450		450	2,263	1,515
Utilities	11,139		11,139	10,023	12,376
Harmonized sales tax expense	7,615		7,615	7,059	7,076
Insurance	8,222		8,222	10,900	9,270
Office supplies	11,166		11,166	11,930	11,097
Special projects	2,335		2,335		
Program education	2,190		2,190	4,849	3,584
Professional fees	3,000		3,000	3,000	3,390
Telephone	2,033		2,033	2,308	1,189
Outreach	2,268		2,268	1,000	1,875
Bank charges and interest	851		851	604	522
Total expenditures <small>(see Note 3)</small>	\$ 195,831	\$ 22,009	\$ 217,840	\$ 205,822	227,170
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before other items	\$ 8,420	\$ -	\$ 8,420	\$ 10,066	\$ 1,439

Notes:

1. Our donations (plate offerings) are down 9% as compared to budget and 11% as compared to the same period in the previous year.
2. We received a gift of Marketable Securities (Stocks) that we took into income. This is a highly unusual gift but was welcomed with humble gratitude.
3. Our expenses are being very closely monitored and compare positively to budget.

Stewardship – As you review your enclosed 2016 Tax Receipt, prayerfully consider your offerings to Christ Church. Does it reflect your Christian faith? Over 50% of our parishioners take advantage of our convenient monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance program. Contact our Envelope Secretary, Carolynne Atkinson at 905-453-8323 or email at: carolynneat@yahoo.ca should you require more information. *(Forms are available in the Parish Office)*

Our Ask - This Lent, consider inviting someone to church ~ let the task of invitation become your new holy habit. We can no longer assume that just by opening our doors on Sunday mornings people will come. It is the personal invitation that people respond to. Newcomers *(and our friends, family & neighbours)* will want to know what our customs are ~ when to sit, stand or kneel, what happens at the peace or the offertory. **This is where we can all help – why not start with Sunday Afternoon at the Movie on March 5th?**

OUR THANKS

In closing, we offer our deepest thanks to all those who join us in partnering with God and His mission in Brampton and beyond. We looking forward to seeing over the season of Lent and into Easter.

Peter Harvey
Rector's Warden

Janet Volkes
People's Warden

Stephen Nilam
Deputy Rector's Warden

Sonia Sobers
Deputy People's Warden