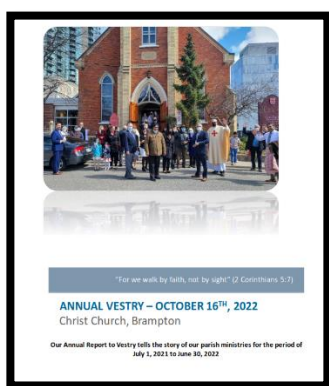


Dear Friends:

After a glorious fall, winter is now definitely approaching with the shorter days, frosty mornings and a blanket of snow. We are also in full preparation mode for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. Much has taken place since our Harvest Update and we would like to time this opportunity to provide a brief update.

**October | Corporation & Advisory Board:** At our Annual Meeting of Vestry (October 16, 2021), Shumaila Desrochers and Sean Joseph were appointed Rector's Warden and Deputy Rector's Warden, respectively. Sarala (Sara) Golla was elected People's Warden with Chris Bird elected to the role of Deputy People's Warden. Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Advisory Board will be November 29 where we will elect a Chair. We are deeply grateful for Stan Szepesi and Jonathan Tyner who have stepped down from Corporation after many years of faithful service. Their dedication and leadership over the many years has served our parish well, especially in these last few years as we navigated our way through the pandemic.



Our Vestry Report is available online at:  
[www.christchurchbrampton.ca/annual-vestry-report](http://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/annual-vestry-report)

Check out more photos at:  
[www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events](http://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events)

**All Saints:** We celebrated All Saints on October 30<sup>th</sup> and what a celebration it was! With 4 Baptisms and a Pumpkin Party, the church was brimming with life!

**November | Coffee Hour Returned:** On November 6, we had our first indoor Coffee Hour since March 2020. How we welcome the return and many thanks to all those who are volunteering.



**A Month of Remembering:** Also on November 6, we had our Remembrance Service with Major (ret'd) Javaid (Jim) Bakhsh reading the Honour Roll and Katie Clark playing, on trumpet, The Last Post and then Reveille after a moment of silence. It is always a moving service. Later that day, we had a quiet candlelight Remembering Service to acknowledge suffering, loss and death while giving thanks to those who have helped in so many ways. This service was followed by a lovely time of fellowship. Thank you to all who made these services so memorable. On Remembrance Day, Byron Gilmore (Rector) placed a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the parish. As a regimental church, this is an important part of our place in the City of Brampton.

## ADVENT | A SEASON OF PREPARATION... WHY NOT JOIN US?



### Advent in Narnia Reflections for the Season

Join us as we explore C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and get to know God better by journeying through Narnia.

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**Sundays @ 4:00 pm | Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11 & Dec 18**

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Enjoy the beauty of Christ Church by candlelight | Light refreshments to follow

### What is this about?

On the four Sundays of Advent starting on Sunday, November 27 we travel to the land of Narnia ruled over by the Evil Witch and where it is always winter and never Christmas. Based on C.S. Lewis' classic *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* initially published in 1950 and marking the beginning of The Chronicles of Narnia ~ a series of seven fantasy novels. Known world-wide as classic children's literature, it is both timeless and ageless. Many of us go back to it time and time again while for others it may be completed new. It tells the story of four ordinary school children who are evacuated to the English countryside during the Second World War. Soon they discover a wardrobe that leads them to the magical land of Narnia.

### What happens each week?

Each Sunday, join Tina & Martha, as we gather at 4:00 pm and enter into a part of the story exploring underlying Christian themes such as light and darkness, meals and gifts, forgiveness and hope. A perfect way to prepare Jesus' birth at Christmas. We will gather by candlelight in the church followed by a time of light refreshments before we wrap up shortly after 5:00 pm.

### What do I have to do?

Mostly just show-up...really! Reading the book is enjoyable but not necessary and you don't have to commit to all 4 Sunday afternoons. The book is readily available at your local library (we also have a few copies for borrowing) or you could watch a version of the movie:

- Disney (2005) available on Disney+ (or available for rent on YouTube)
- BBC (1988) available for free on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=the+lion+the+witch+and+the+wardrobe](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+lion+the+witch+and+the+wardrobe)

**All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required**



## LITURGY & WORSHIP



Advent 2022 | Join Us for Worship Sundays  
In-Person @ 10:00 am | Online @ 4:00 pm



**In-Person Worship** is at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. The Diocese of Toronto is currently in the Green Stage of the Loving Our Neighbour COVID-19 protocols wherein most restrictions have been lifted with the exception of the vaccination requirement for Clergy, Staff, and Volunteers. That said, we kindly ask:

1. **If you are feeling unwell**, please stay home and take advantage of our online service.
2. **Please leave the back pews** for those individuals that are more comfortable with a bit more space.

*If there is one thing we have learned during the pandemic... it is that we can change! When you attend in-person worship, we ask that you sit closer to the front. This has a number of benefits:*

- ✓ *Reduces the congestion at the back of the church*
- ✓ *Is easier for our Greeters and Audio/Visual teams*
- ✓ *Provides a more fulsome online experience*
- ✓ *It is easier for our families with young children*

**Online Worship** is available each week currently at 4:00 pm and can be accessed directly from our website.

**Weekly Announcements** are available each week on our website to keep you well informed on the “happenings” at Christ Church and beyond. Again these are available on our website.

**Advent Services** including the Christmas Pageant and Lessons & Carols will be at 10:00 am on December 11 and December 18, respectively.



Ron & Sally (Christmas 2021)



The Reign of Christ (2022)



Caring & Sharing “Soft Launch” (2022)



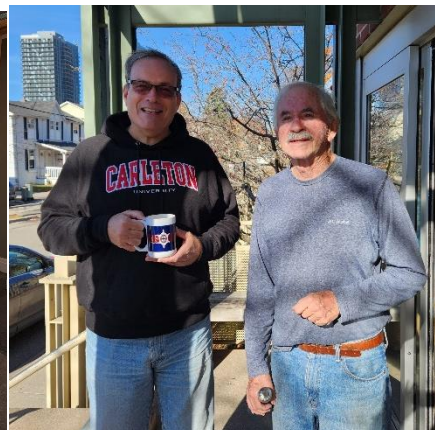
**FROM AROUND THE PARISH**



Prepping for 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee Hour since March 2020



The Altar Guild welcomes a new member



Saturday mornings can be a-buzz with volunteers



A fond farewell.... ...and a warm welcome.



Cousins!



Tina and "Moe" capturing attention at a Children's Focus



## OUTREACH | CARING & SHARING

### 2022 Caring & Sharing

In partnership with  
local ministry charities

JFJ Hope Centre  
Boys & Girls Club of Peel  
Knights Table

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Worship Fully | Spend Less | Give More | Love All

We are privileged once again to be able to bring hope to so many through the annual Caring & Sharing ministry. Working in partnership with local ministries, this year we have committed to:

### How can you help?

- Volunteer to help shop, wrap or deliver
- Invite your friends, neighbours & family to participate
- Provide financial support by:
  - E-Transfers to: [christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca](mailto:christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca)
  - Mail/Drop-off at Christ Church
  - Place in Sunday morning offering

Clearly mark your donations as "Caring & Sharing".  
Donations will be included in your 2022 tax receipts



#### 2022 Commitment:

- 85 Children's pajamas
- 30 Dads' Christmas Gifts



#### 2022 Commitment:

- Full Christmas (stockings, presents, food) for approximately 15 people



#### 2022 Commitment:

- Full Christmas (stockings, presents, food) for approximately 20 people/6 families

The last couple of years approximately \$10,000 has flowed through this ministry. Needs inevitably exceed what we have committed to above. **But** with God's good grace, working through us, we have been able to meet the needs time and time again. It is always a blessing to see so many people take part in this ministry initiative.

- ✓ **Buy** a gift(s) - Take an ornament with gift suggestions included from the Caring and Sharing Tree.
  - Bring the wrapped gift(s) with the original tag to the church before 10:00 am Sunday, December 18.
- ✓ **Fill** a stocking(s) - Take a stocking with gift ideas included from the Caring and Sharing Tree. Bring the stocking with the original tag to the church before 10:00 am Sunday, December 18.
- ✓ **Make a financial contribution** and we will do the shopping for you. Please mark your contributions as "Caring & Sharing"
  - Place in the Sunday offering
  - e-Transfer to: [christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca](mailto:christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca)
  - Donate via CanadaHelps to Christ Church
  - Donations are tax receiptable
- ✓ **Shop** for gifts.
- ✓ **Drive** to deliver on Sunday, December 18
- ✓ **Show Up** to be a packer/wrapper Sunday, December 18 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
  - Help to coordinate and package each family's gifts with care.

Whatever your talents they are greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your prayers and participation. May our blessings over flow.

For further information please contact: Jean Jamieson at: 416-457-5686 [/jean@adamsjamieson.com](mailto:jean@adamsjamieson.com)

See our website at: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/caring-and-sharing> for more information.

*Why not ask your family, friends and neighbours if they would like to get involved?*

## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### Interim Receipts

As you review your enclosed **Interim 2022 Tax Receipt (January 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022)**, prayerfully consider your offerings to Christ Church. Does it reflect your Christian faith? It is in the giving and receiving that we participate in God's life in a profound way. We continued to be blessed by many parish families who are generous & regular in their offerings. They know that their contributions to support the ministry of Christ Church whether they are worshipping with us either In-Person or Online. **Please note that Tax Receipts are prepared confidentially and we do not have access to the information.** Contact our Envelope Secretary, Carolynne Atkinson at 905-453-8323 or email at: [carolynneat@yahoo.ca](mailto:carolynneat@yahoo.ca) should you require more information and/or wish to make a pledge for this year. (Forms are available on the website at <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/commitment-2022-2023>)

**Please note that contributions made by E-Transfer are included as Christ Church is the receipting charity whereas contributions made via CanadaHelps will not be included as CanadaHelps is the receipting charity.**

### Your donation makes a difference to Christ Church and to you at tax time

From time to time, it is helpful to remind ourselves about the tax benefit of making a donation to Christ Church. As a self-sustaining church, your donation is gratefully received and used for the mission of God right in our neighbourhood and beyond.

**But** did you know that your donation and resulting tax receipt is also helpful to you? Many people make charitable donations before the year-end to both help their chosen charities but also to obtain a tax credit when filing their annual income tax.

***Saving taxes for doing good. Generally, for every \$1,000 donated, tax savings in 2021 range from \$445 to \$540 for a high-income earner with income over \$216,511, to between \$405 and \$500 for someone at or below that amount.***

Source: Tim Cestnick, *Your Guide to Charitable Giving & Estate Planning*, Fall 2022 pp 7

When considering your donation to Christ Church, consider what that donation actually costs you. Some **illustrations** are below:

Income	Donation Amount	Tax Credit	Cost of Donation
\$ 35,000	\$ 1,800	\$ 683	\$ 1,117
\$ 50,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,835
\$ 75,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,968	\$ 3,032
\$ 100,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,972	\$ 4,528

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/giving-charity-information-donors/claiming-charitable-tax-credits/calculate-charitable-tax-credits/calculator.html>

### 2023 Envelope Distribution

As we approach the calendar year-end, Carolynne will be busy reviewing and organizing the various tasks associated with her role as Envelope Secretary. Another "behind-the-scenes" volunteer that we are thankful for! The 2023 Envelope Sets will be available for pick-up at the church during Advent. Following the Christmas season, we will make plans to have those not picked-up delivered. Many of our Envelope Subscribers have moved to E-transfer, however they still maintain the same envelope number.

## 2022 Tax Receipts

2022 Tax Receipts will be made available in late February. Providing an interim receipt at this point provides an opportunity for you to confirm its accuracy from January 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022. Should you have any questions or need for clarity, please contact Carolynne.

## F2023 Financial Results – Quarter 1 (September 30, 2022)

Below you will find results for the first quarter of our fiscal year (*July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021*) compared to the same time period in 2021.

### Christ Church (Brampton)

For the period ended September 30, 2022

Statement of Operations	Actual September 30, 2022			Actual September 30, 2021		
	General Fund	Future Ministries	Total	General Fund	Future Ministries	Total
<b>Revenue</b>						
Donations	82,136	4,692	86,828	\$ 72,311		72,311
Rental income	8,925		8,925	8,505		8,505
Other income	80		80	3,408		3,408
Investment income	1,957		1,957	1,845		1,845
Memorial income	-		-	125		125
HST rebates	1,918		1,918	1,468		1,468
Program Offset	-		-			-
Grant income	-		-			-
<b>Total revenue</b>	\$ 95,016	\$ 4,692	\$ 99,708	\$ 87,662	\$ -	\$ 87,662
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Salaries and benefits	\$ 56,813		\$ 56,813	\$ 56,458	\$ 10,766	\$ 67,224
Diocesan allotment	15,007		15,007	15,099		\$ 15,099
Repairs and maintenance	10,657		10,657	9,465		\$ 9,465
Utilities	2,404		2,404	3,406		\$ 3,406
Insurance	6,703		6,703	5,856		\$ 5,856
Harmonized sales tax expense	2,664		2,664	2,532		\$ 2,532
Special Projects	359		359	-		\$ -
Program education	1,132		1,132	708		\$ 708
Music	-		-	400		\$ 400
Outreach expenses	-		-	-		\$ -
Professional fees	2,100		2,100	1,500		\$ 1,500
Admin expenses	2,278		2,278	3,797		\$ 3,797
Bank charges and interest	316		316	240		\$ 240
<b>Total expenditures</b>	\$ 100,433	\$ -	\$ 100,433	\$ 99,461	\$ 10,766	\$ 110,227
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before other items</b>	\$ (5,417)	\$ 4,692	\$ (725)	\$ (11,799)	\$ (10,766)	\$ (22,565)

### Key Points:

- Our general offerings are **14% more** as compared to the same time period last year. This is extraordinary and we are so very thankful to all that contribute.
- We closely monitor our expenses at all times. We are expecting expense increases in the months to come resulting from heavier programming months, colder weather and inflationary pressures.

**Your contributions plus lower expenses resulted in a good start to the fiscal year!**

**Financial Giving:** Christ Church has been blessed by the ongoing generosity of our parish family. The life and vitality of our Church and the community we serve is important to us. We are grateful to those who have played a part in ensuring our ministry continues to flourish. Intentional, purposeful and sacrificial gifts have enabled us to “Come This Far by Faith”.

Many of our Envelope Subscribers continue to make regular donations by way of the mail, drop-off, arranging for a pick-up or using an electronic method of giving. Other ways to give include:

1. **Pre-Authorized Remittance (“PAR”)** is convenient way of giving to Christ Church in that a set monthly amount is withdrawn from your bank account. PAR provides a convenient way to ensure your offerings are received on a regular basis. PAR forms are available here: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give>
2. **E-Transfers** via the Interac system.
  - a. Simply set-up Christ Church Brampton as a payee on your internet banking account.
  - b. Email address required: [christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca](mailto:christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca)
  - c. No password is required; if you are new to us, please ensure your name & address is included.
  - d. Upon making an offering you will receive an email notification as will Christ Church.
  - e. Your offerings will be included in your annual tax receipt.
3. You can donate electronically via **CanadaHelps** using your credit card through the Christ Church Brampton website. (We currently have a number of monthly subscribers using CanadaHelps.) At the top of the homepage – click “Online Giving via Canada Helps”. It takes you to the following link. In this case, CanadaHelps provides you with a tax receipt. We have parish households that take advantage of method of giving.  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/#donate-now-pane>
4. However, you can **drop off** your church envelope in the mail slot at the church The not-so-obvious-mail slot is located just below the buzzer on the right hand side of the office doors...it’s a wee bit tricky because it is a vertical slot. Of course, you may place it on the offering plate should you be attending in-person worship.
5. You arrange for a **pick-up** by calling Martha at: **Office: (905) 451-6649 / Phone or Text: 416-420-3765**

## HELP US SHARE OUR STORY

By following Christ Church on our social media platforms you can participate on God’s mission in Brampton. You might give people the hope that they are looking for. The following are easy ways to help you tell our story.



Like & Share on Facebook.



Follow us on  
Instagram



We've Come This Far By Faith

Enjoy our  
Annual Parish Video.



Subscribe to our YouTube Channel and  
read our weekly announcements.

## OUR THANKS

In closing, we pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us find ways to minister to one another well. We give thanks for the excellent riches God has given Christ Church and we also give thanks to our clergy, staff, lay leaders and all our volunteers who so faithfully keep us connected and provide us hope. Please join us this Advent and Christmas with joyful expectation as we celebrate the Birth of Our Saviour.

*Shumaila Desrochers*  
Rector’s Warden

*Sarala Golla*  
People’s Warden

*Sean Joseph*  
Deputy Rector’s Warden

*Chris Bird*  
Deputy People’s Warden