



WARDENS' UPDATE

Harvest 2022

Dear Friends:

*Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.*

Let All Things Now Living | Text: Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980) Common Praise 403

We have so much to be thankful for, that even in challenging times, we know that God’s economy works so differently. We are so grateful for our supportive community at Christ Church - truly our brothers and sisters in Christ – and how God continues to bless us. Please take a few minutes of your time to read news of your parish. We’ve sprinkled it with lots of photos because “they say” a picture is worth a thousand words.

DISCIPLESHIP

Children & Youth: You will recall that Sunday School moved online shortly after the Global Pandemic was declared in the spring of 2020. It was a joy resume Sunday School in-person in May 2022. The church building is once again filled with the sounds of children, albeit with glitter glue, shields and horses as children aged 4-12 become *Knights of the North Castle*. Through story-telling, crafts and songs our “Knights” are discovering how to serve God and God’s mission for their lives.

Our Youth Group continues to meet and is going through a period of transition (*nothing that we haven’t experienced before*) as some of our older members are off to university and college and some of our younger members have just joined. We look forward to hearing more about their adventures together in the months to come.



In-Person Sunday School



Blessing of the Back Packs



Pool Party.

And looking to the future:



Advent in Narnia – Over the **4 Sundays of Advent** starting on **November 27th at 4:00 pm**. we will be exploring the themes of light and darkness, meals and gifts, forgiveness and hope. The will be a perfect time to travel together as a parish family. Stay tuned for more information and plan to join us for this in-person event on the Sunday afternoons during Advent.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

In-Person Worship is at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. In early June 2022, all Provincial and/or Diocesan restrictions were lifted with the exception of the Diocesan Vaccine Mandate which applies only to Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders/Volunteers. Each Sunday, we are delighted to see more people returning to church and new people who have found us. As a gentle encouragement, we ask "maybe it's time for you to come back to church?"



Above & Below - Summer 2022



Online Worship is made possible every week with efforts of our Clergy, our Staff and our Volunteers. It's no surprise (*now*) that when we started offering online worship in the early days of the pandemic, God was challenging us to reach out beyond our doors in a new way! In early July, we started recording our morning services and releasing them at 4:00 pm on YouTube. This is a temporary measure as we sort out the technical requirements to broadcast live at 10:00 am ~ stay tuned. Our continued thanks to our Audio/Visual Teams who work tirelessly to make this happen. Our online worship can be accessed directly from our website at www.christchurchbrampton.ca – just click the YouTube icon.

Remembering Service: The last couple of years have been difficult for many and we are offering a special Remembering Service on Sunday, November 6th @ 4:00 pm. This will be a time to come together to gently mourn and give thanks. By acknowledging suffering, loss and death while giving thanks to those who have helped in so many ways, we have an opportunity to remember that God is on the throne as our rock and redeemer.



ALL ARE INVITED | ALL ARE WELCOME

REMEMBERING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 | CHRIST CHURCH @ 4:00 PM

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

Our Website: Every so often we are asked about our website so we thought a wee primer might be in order. Websites by design are often changing and improving as information is added and/or updated. Here are the top tips:



Home | Ministries | Learning | Outreach | Family | Parish Life | Media/Resources

Contact Us | Parking & Location | E-transfer to: christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca | How to support our ministry

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

All are invited
All are welcome
No experience required

*Temporary effective June 26
www.christchurchbrampton.ca

Worship Times | Rector's Message | Weekly Bulletin | Children's Ministries | Recent Events | Commitment

As we transition to Sunday morning live-streaming, our online service will temporarily premiere at 4:00 pm. It will revert to 10:00 am in the near future. Please watch this space for updates. Thank you for your patience as work through the technical challenges.

Effective June 5, 2022 masks are now optional. More of what to expect [here](#).

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No experience required

May God bless you today and always.

Click YouTube icon for weekly service
[Click here](#) for weekly announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks

- ✓ Address is: www.christchurchbrampton.ca
- ✓ Shortcut titled “Recent Events” has lots of photos
- ✓ Upcoming Events and archived photos are under the tab Parish Life
- ✓ The YouTube icon takes you directly YouTube channel; likewise the Facebook icon takes you to our Facebook page
- ✓ On a mobile device, the QR code below takes you to our website



OUTREACH

You cannot out-give God: Over the course of the last few months, our parish family continues to be wonderfully generous in their support of our outreach partners. Together, we have supported:

- ✓ The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund supporting Ukrainians forced to flee
- ✓ Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel in our Drive-By/Drop-Off
- ✓ International Christian Voice
- ✓ JFJ Hope Centre



Drive-By/Drop Off for Ste. Louise



Dedication of the Shahbez Bhatti park



JFJ Hope Centre's Annual Golf Tournament

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Annual Meeting of Vestry: Sunday, October 16 at 12:00 noon | In-person following 10:00 am service

The Annual Meeting of Vestry is “church-speak” for our Annual General Meeting where we approve the Annual Vestry Report, F2022 Financial Statements and F2023 Budget. We also elect and/or appoint our Wardens and Advisory Board among other business-related items. The meeting is approximately 60–90 minutes in length. In draft, our Vestry Report, Financial Statements and the proposed Budget will be released Sunday, October 9. Limited paper copies will be available at the church; however they will be posted at: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/annual-vestry-report>. We expressly want to thank Peter Volkes for his ongoing role in liaising with our auditing firm and Kathy Newbert who has transitioned into the role of Treasurer.

A word about our financials ~ we are keenly aware of the current economic environment and the persistent inflationary pressure. It is possible that this has had an effect on your household budget as it has on our financial position at Christ Church. While our results last year were not as we would have liked, we are confident that we will be able to present a prudent and realistic budget for this year.

Recruiting - Part Time Associate Priest

Over the summer we posted for the position of a Part Time Associate Priest for the period of a one year. We are fortunate that Christ Church is of the size that an additional priest is needed but staffing remains to be a financial challenge. At the time of writing, we had hoped that we would have brought this to a conclusion but alas the timing belongs to God. We hope to have a further announcement soon. Please continue to pray about who God might be calling to serve our wonderful parish family of Christ Church.



Viele Hände machen die Arbeit schnell an Ende! Or in English, “many hands make light work”. In April 2020, a Parish Callers Task Force was assembled to help keep us connected as a parish. As this Task Force has now completed its mandate, we want to offer our sincere thanks. It is lovely to hear the stories of friendships made or rekindled.

That said, we now find ourselves rebuilding our ministries and already have seen the signs of growth and re-engagement. Gifts of ministry come in all forms. While volunteer opportunities evolve, from time to time we have some specific needs. Should you have some time and talent to share in the areas listed below, do contact the identified person ~ this may be a God-nudge and you just don't know it yet.

Area	What	Contact
Audio/Visual	As we move to Live Streaming on Sunday mornings, we are wanting to create audio visual teams to help produce the service. We are specifically looking for assistance in operating the sound board, running the PowerPoint and operating the camera.	Stan Szepesi at 416-648-4606 / stan.szepesi@yahoo.ca Or alternately connect with Andrea or Jeff White on Sunday mornings.
Hospitality	Woo! Hoo! We are planning for the re-introduction of Coffee Hour on Sunday morning. Would you be willing to be added to a schedule to host? Maybe do it with a friend.	Charlene Bickerstaffe at 416-277-5151 / cnlbicks@gmail.com
Property	Our beautiful building is kept that way by a number of dedicated volunteers. Not only do they share their skills, their labour helps minimize our expenses.	Peter Volkes at 416-333-2839 / Peter.Volkes@ge.com

Please note that the Diocesan Vaccine Policy applies to our volunteers which stipulates anyone who carries out in-person activities on behalf of the parish either inside or outside falls under the policy. The Vaccination Policy can be read here: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-resources/covid-19-updates/?lang=en>



Our Worship Collective is expanding under the leadership of Sally Campbell (middle)



The Greeters Ministry (previously known as the Sidespersons) has been re-booted with Chris Bird taking the helm. (from left to right: Stanley Sam, Sarala Golla and Chris Bird)

Financial Giving: It is together, as a parish family, that we support the ministry of Christ Church in Brampton and beyond. While work for the church comes in many forms (*Time, Talent & Treasure*), without your financial support our life together would be diminished. We are so very thankful for your intentional, purposeful and sacrificial gifts. As we contemplate the months to come, your regular ongoing gifts will be of vital importance.

As a reminder, we offer a variety of way to make offerings:

1. The regular monthly offerings via **PAR** (pre-authorized remittance) wherein offerings debited from your bank account. A PAR form can be found here: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/commitment-2022-2023>
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
 - c. No password is required
 - d. Upon making an offering you will receive an email notification as will Christ Church.
 - e. Your offering will be included in your annual tax receipt
 - f. If you are new to Christ Church or you believe we do not have a correct mailing address, please include your address in the notes so that we can provide a tax receipt
3. **Offering envelopes** are accepted on Sunday mornings or you may drop your 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. You can also arrange for a **pick-up** by calling Martha at:

Office: (905) 451-6649 / Phone or Text: 416-420-3765

4. You can donate electronically via **CanadaHelps** using your credit card through the Christ Church Brampton website. 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.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/#donate-now-pane>

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 pray that you have a joyful and abundant Harvest Season knowing that everything we have comes from the One who sustains us and loved us first.

Shumaila Desrochers
Rector's Warden

Jonathan Tyner
People's Warden

Stan Szepesi
Deputy Rector's Warden

Sarala Golla
Deputy People's Warden