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Advent

The word "ADVENT" is written in a stylized, multi-colored font. Each letter is filled with a different color: 'A' is blue, 'D' is red, 'V' is green, 'E' is yellow, 'N' is purple, and 'T' is blue. The letters have a slightly distressed or hand-painted appearance.

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Rector's Message

Advent tells us Christ is near, Christmas tells us Christ is here!
In Epiphany we trace, All the glory of His grace.

Katherine Hankey, 1888

Advent marks the beginning of a journey that brings us from promise to fulfillment. We begin this journey by hearing once again of 'those that sat in darkness and in the shadow of death' as we ourselves can be and are invited with them 'to go in heart and mind and find the babe, lying in a manger', to 'kneel down, and pay homage to him', and finally, like the wise men of old, 'present him with our precious gifts'.

In spite of the cultures' desire to obscure this journey, Advent is one of my favourite seasons of the Christian year because it takes some work to be authentic about it. It's supposed to be a time of holy waiting, getting ready for the songs of the angels and the giving of gifts.

When we turn on the television or the radio, pick up a newspaper, or enter a shopping mall, it's clear that the commercial agenda is quite different. There is no time or space for the true meaning of Christ's incarnation, but rather a determined effort to co-opt us into reframing this holy season into something that will increase their profit and our enslavement – financial and otherwise. It is not supposed to be about longer shopping hours and increasing debt!

Through the centuries, Christians have met Jesus, "the dayspring from on high" who visited and redeemed his people through the rhythms of the church year. We are invited to meet him again. To learn about this Jesus we have followed through past Advents, Epiphany, Lent and Holy Week, Easter and Ascension, Pentecost and the Reign of Christ.

The new covenant in Jesus completes the old made with Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Moses, and David! It is rooted in events that happened in a particular time and with a particular people, yet is

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Warm, Friendly, Caring...

Christ Church Anglican is a warm and caring community that has been serving God in Brampton since its inception in 1851. We are fully wheelchair accessible with special parking at the north side of the building and a ramp at the west door on Elizabeth Street. There is an elevator that provides access to the lower church hall. Accessible bathrooms are located on both floors. Ample free street parking is available nearby.



Sunday Services include a Said Eucharist at 7:45 am, a Contemporary Eucharist at 9:00 am, and a Choral Eucharist at 10:45 am. Sunday school classes are available for children from aged 3 to grade 6 at the 9:00 am and 10:45 am services, which also includes a staffed nursery room. We have occasional events for youth and a twice a month program for grades 6 and up.

Baptisms are celebrated at specific dates throughout the year. The church provides preparation for sponsors, godparents, and older candidates. Those interested in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage are welcome to contact the clergy.

Christ Church is active in community outreach, supporting the Knights' Table, Salvation Army's Family Life Centre, Regeneration, Ste. Louise, Our Place Peel and more. We also participate in Caring and Sharing at Christmas.

We have committed lay participation in all aspects of worship, and we have a number of active fellowship groups within the parish.

We hope you are interested by what you read within these pages, decide to learn more about us, and become more involved yourself, with our active and friendly parish community.

Rector's Message (continued)

for all time and for all people. We have learned and continue to learn more of those events through God's self-revelation in Holy Scripture that "contains all things necessary to salvation".

In Baptism, you and I are bound to "those mighty acts" in which Jesus has redeemed us and called us to follow him.

Christ's incarnation; His baptism in Jordan river,
His death on Cross for my salvation; His bursting from the spiced tomb,
His riding up the heavenly way, His coming at the day of doom.

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

At Christ Church we celebrate and proclaim the new and living way; the new covenant made manifest in Jesus Christ.

Advent tells us Christ is near, so let's get ready!
-- Byron[†]

Curate's Corner

Our Faith Begins With Waiting

Advent is a special season because it marks a time of beginnings. On our typical wall calendars, we usually associate the month of January with newness and starting afresh. But, the Christian year is different. It begins with the first Sunday of Advent, the day when we embark on a journey of longing and waiting.

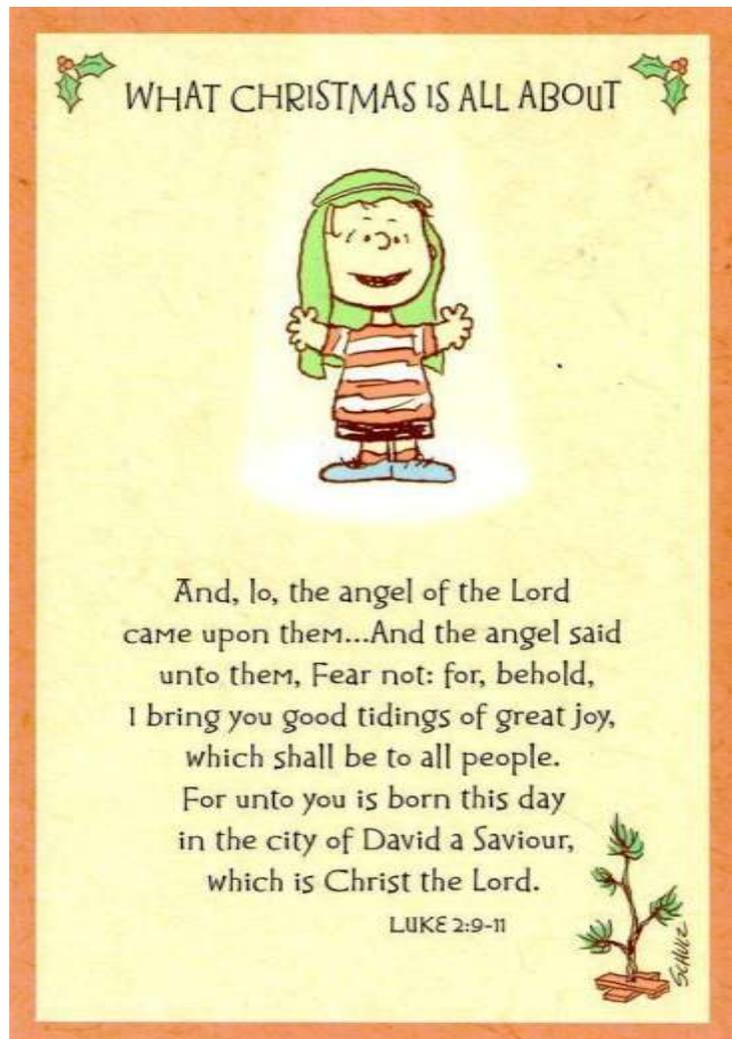
What exactly is this journey of longing and waiting? Many people simply long for Christmas to be over. Advent is often taken up with planning for Christmas, putting up Christmas decorations, trimming the Christmas tree, shopping for Christmas gifts, getting ready for family to arrive, listening to Christmas carols – and then all of that reaches a moment of catharsis on December 25th. This is unfortunate because Christmas is over before it has scarcely even begun.

Advent challenges us to wait for Christmas, to wait for the arrival of Emmanuel (God with us). While Christmas advertising proliferates in our consumer culture, tempting us to rush early into our celebrations, the challenge of Advent is to slow down. To wait. To contemplate our impatience. To reflect on our longing.

The true essence of our longing, whether during Advent or any other time, is a deep desire for God. "Our hearts are restless," St. Augustine famously said, "until they find their rest in thee." Finding our rest in God does not always come quickly. In fact, we may not experience it fully during this coming Christmastide. So we must continue to wait for it, cultivating the virtue of patience even when the trying circumstances of our lives urge us to rush forward into short-lived solutions.

The Christian year that we begin now with Advent will take us through the joy of Christmas, to the somberness of Lent, to the victory of Easter. We begin again a journey to our ultimate rest in God.

-- Jeff Nowers



Group Updates

Altar Flowers

Once again we contemplate the joyous Christmas Season – remembering the birth of our Saviour. During the season of Advent we concentrate on the significance of the Advent Wreath and then on Christmas Eve our church is beautifully decorated with Christmas flowers – a celebration of our Lord's birth.

You are invited to share in this celebration by remembering loved ones not sharing this Christmas season with us. This can be done by donating to the *Christmas Flower Fund*.

Please make cheques payable to Christ Church Brampton, clearly marking your envelope number and noting "Christmas Season Flower Fund". Your donations may be put on the offering plate or left at the church office.

Please include your written memorials in a separate envelope to the attention of Phyllis Moffatt or leave at the church office.

The deadline for Christmas donations and memorials is Sunday, December 18, 2014

We appreciate your usual generosity ensuring a beautifully decorated church to celebrate this joyous Christmas Season

-- Phyllis Moffatt

A *Courier* Update

This is my 37th issue of *The Courier*, and it is my last as the editor and publisher. In my time, I worked with people that were willing to create content (Elizabeth Hornemann, Claude Ho and Janet Smith) or others that would edit (John Olley and Andrea White). Overall the content came from the Church staff and myself.

During the last 9 years, Eric was born and I have changed jobs at work 4 times. While this work easily fit into my life 9 years ago, I no longer have the time available to continue, and we need at least one person with the time and ability to take this on. Ideally this would be done by 3 or 4 people doing different parts. I have a process outlined and will help to make the transition really easy if there are willing and able people. The only tool you need is Microsoft Word or another capable word processor. All the other tools are free to use and you can pick your favourites. The rest I will guide you from start to finish.

A special thank you to those that have submitted articles and funny items over the years. Please keep them coming to the *Courier* mailbox. We use what we can when we can.

If you are interested in being part of the future of the *Courier*, please let me know by email, phone or in person. Without you there will not be a *Courier*.

-- Jeffrey White – Editor

Parish News

Christmas Tree Bazaar 2016

The 71st Annual Christmas Tree Bazaar is now finished and a memory. Did you notice some new faces? Marie Bunting had decided to retire from the Gem Table, the drive from Collingwood had taken its toll. The Gem Table was put in the capable hands of Paula Rosart. There were many new faces at the Boutique Table. Jean Edwards had taken the year off, and Jayne Pelleja-Clarke and her Mom, Ruth Pelleja stepped into the spot and did a wonderful job.

Holly Adams had moved east, and Karen Engels manned the gift baskets and did a wonderful job. Two great salespeople, Chason Engels and Natasha Gregoire, were at the Kids Kupboard. Don Perrault also "helped" out at the table. Also you may have notice Wendy Gray as our roaming photographer. This is just a few of the changes that you may have noticed. Cheryl Lee will be retiring next year from the Prep room in the Cafe and I will also be retiring as Co-ordinator.

I would like to extend a very huge "thank you" to everyone that helped to make the Bazaar a success that it is every year. So many people that work behind the scenes, from the knitting group and crafting group, to the all the people that help set up and take down all the tables, etc. All the workers at the Cafe, from the sandwiches makers, to the servers to make a very enjoyable light lunch.

I can't say enough about all the work, and heart and soul that people put into preparing the bazaar. Of course, I can't forget to thank Martha for all her help. THANK YOU to everyone, I can't possible name everyone and every person really needs to named for all their hard work.

The proceeds from the bazaar on November 12th was \$8,300.00.

DON'T FORGET THAT THE MINI-BAZAAR IS ON DECEMBER 4TH. SEE YOU THERE!

-- Kathy Newbert

Sunday Afternoon at the Movie



Please join us for this very special afternoon event in support of our Thailand Mission Trip. A free-will offering will be offered in support of this initiative that is providing ELS classes and a Vacation Bible School themed on the Nativity of Our Lord.

Where: Christ Church Brampton

When: Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 4:00 pm

Cost: Free! (optional offering accepted)

Discipleship Development

Children, Youth and Family

Look for our January to June 2017 Children and Youth Schedule in your Christmas mailing or keep an eye on our website over the next couple of weeks. On the website, click the "Family" tab on our homepage.

NOVEMBER			
Date	Who	Event	
Friday, November 18th	All Families	Praise & Worship Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm @ Christ Church	A time of rich prayer and fellowship. Our Praise Team Leader, Sally Campbell, and her band of minstrels will be offering up music to God's glory™ and yes there will be Pizza!
Saturday, November 19th	Junior Youth	Caring & Sharing Outreach Project Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon @ Christ Church	
Saturday, November 25th	Senior Youth	Bowling & Advent Outreach Project Time: 7:00 – 10:00 pm @ Christ Church & beyond! Advent Event (No Sunday School)	
Sunday, November 27th	All Families	RSVP to attend this event Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm Cost: \$15 per Family	
DECEMBER			
Date	Who	Event	
Saturday, December 3rd	Senior Youth	Rise & Shine Outreach Time: 7:00 – 10:00 am / Meet @ Christ Church	
Saturday, December 3rd	Junior Youth	Advent Outreach Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm / Meet @ Christ Church	
Sunday, December 4th	All Families	"Sunday Afternoon at the Movies" Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm / @ Christ Church	 A Free-Will offering will be taken in support of the Thailand Mission.
Sunday, December 18th	College & Careers	"Ushering in the Season" Dinner Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm Dinner @ Martha's following Lessons & Carols	

Advenio 2016

Our seasonal offering by our Praise Team and special guests.



ADVENIO

Presents
"Interpretations of The Season"

An Audio-Visual Concert
Come Experience the Music

Sunday December 11 @ 4pm

A Contemporary Advent Concert

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Lessons and Carols 2016

The
CHRISTMAS
STORY *in*
WORD &
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Sunday
December 18, 2016
4:00 pm

Christ Church Brampton
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A
FESTIVAL
of LESSONS
& CAROLS

Caring and Sharing 2016

We are privileged once again to be able to bring hope to so many through the Ministry of Caring and Sharing. Our recipients are referred by local social agencies in hope that we can share our love with them. We provide each person with a stocking and a gift(s). Each family receives food vouchers or a food hamper.

Gifts – Each family provides a wish list for gift suggestions to assist with the shopping

Stockings – Includes an assortment of socks underwear, toiletries and treats PLUS a small gift from their wish list.

Food - Each family receives food vouchers or a food hamper with items for a festive Christmas dinner and a week's meals.

How Can You Participate?

1. **PRAY** for your families and volunteers and the success of our venture as we represent Christ.
2. **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 18th.
3. **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 18th.
4. **Contribute** to a food hamper, cash or in kind (see list of food items requested).
Place items in the Narthex under the stairs.
5. **Contribute** to gift(s), stocking(s), food voucher(s) and we will do the shopping for you.
Include Caring and Sharing on your cheque or donation envelope or deposit it in the red donation box.
6. **Shop** for gifts.
7. **Help** assembly food hampers Saturday, December 17th.
Help sort the donations and/or shop for perishable food items.
8. **Drive** to deliver – Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 pm.
9. **Show up** to be a packer/wrapper Sunday, December 18th from 10:00 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 overflow.

Call me for questions about gifts, stockings and contributions.

Call Nancy Taylor for questions about food hampers and see next page.

-- Jeannie Jamieson

Caring and Sharing Food Hamper

We hope to provide a variety of food items for a festive Christmas Dinner and the meals for the following week. These are the non-perishable foods that a typical hamper might include:

Breakfast Foods

Hot cereal	Cold cereal	Granola bars
Pancake mix	Peanut butter	Nutella
Jams and jellies	Honey or syrup	

Lunch and Dinner Foods

Canned meat/fish	Canned ham	Cheese Whiz
Canned Vegetables	Canned fruit	Meal soups
Canned pasta dishes	Puddings	Pudding mixes
Muffin, cake, cookie mixes	Cookies	Pasta sauces
Pizza sauce	Hamburger Helper or other pasta or rice mixes	

Snacks and Condiments

Microwave popcorn	Potato or corn chips	Pretzels
Nuts	Candy	Chocolate
Ketchup	Mustard	Relish
Mayonnaise	Cooking oil	BBQ sauce
Beverages tea, coffee, hot chocolate		

Christmas Dinner

Potatoes	Squash/turnip	Carrots/beets
Onions	Stuffing mix	Gravy mix
Cranberry sauce	Pickles	Christmas cake
Christmas cookies	Pastry mix	Pie filling

In addition to these non-perishable items, the following perishable items will be added on Sunday, December 18th:

Turkey	Ground beef	Milk
Eggs	Salad greens	

Non-perishable items can be brought to the church in advance and placed in the narthex under the stairs by Friday, December 16th. Collected items will be sorted and shopping lists prepared for additional non-perishable items and the perishable foods.

Non-Perishable Items

Sorters and shoppers are needed for Saturday, December 17th. Packers are needed for Sunday, December 18th.

All help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our adventure

May our blessings overflow!
-- Nancy Taylor

Event Photos

71st Christmas Tree Bazaar (November 12, 2016)



All Saints Baptisms (October 30, 2016)

Our newly baptized babies from All Saints' services. A good crop for the Lord! Such a blessing.



Interested in Baptism? Getting Married? Curious?

Our next round of *Christianity 101* is starting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm. This program is geared to the curious. It is not exclusive to those preparing for Baptism and/or Marriage; however it is a preparation to these sacraments.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) from Vestry

We often receive questions about the “business” of Christ Church and how we operate. This is very important to some, and actually should be important to all for this is our family home! However, it is not the most captivating subject. Please spend a few moments reviewing some of the Frequently Asked Questions that were presented at our Annual Meeting of Vestry (also known as our Annual General Meeting) held in September.

Diocesan Relationship

1. Describe our relationship with the Diocese of Toronto.

- Christ Church is responsible for funding all operations of our parish and we operate in accordance to the Canons (church laws)
- Expenses such as Allotment, Financial Engagement Review, Screening in Faith, Insurance and Building Inspections are mandatory as a parish within the Diocese of Toronto.

2. What is the Diocesan allotment? How is it calculated?

- It is our share paid for Diocesan operations and outreach (it is like a franchise fee).
- The amount is calculated by the average of accessible income over 3 years. Over the past 5 years our annual average allotment was \$58,200. This is our single largest expense outside of salaries and benefits.
- Ministry related expenses (e.g. clergy salary, benefits and housing allowance) are treated like a tax deduction whereas as non-ministry related income (e.g. rent) is accessed at a higher rate.
- **Allotment is based on financial results only** (like your income tax) and has no relation to Sunday attendance data.

Attendance count is used to determine the numbers of representatives to Synod and it is also used internally to track our attendance patterns. This valuable information provides us with an important data point in assessing worship needs, parish attraction and patterns of invitation. When is the last time you invited someone to church?

3. Can you tell me about our financial governance?

- As required by the Diocese, we pay for an Engagement Review (a type of audit) by MNP LLP and submit it to the Diocese as part of our Annual Returns (Incumbent’s Return and Church Wardens’ Parochial Return).
- The fee associated with this work has been budgeted \$6,780 in Fiscal 2017.

Contributions to Christ Church

4. Where does our revenue come from?

- The bulk of our revenue comes from us ~ the parishioners!
- To a lesser extent revenue comes from rent and from time to time grants.
- Since 2010, the percentage of income that comes from offerings has fluctuated between 69% to 86%. The average is 77% which is a good measure for our long term financial sustainability.
- Heavy reliance on “other income,” such as rent, is counterproductive to Christian Stewardship.

FAQ Continued

5. What various ways I can give the church that are tax deductible.

- By far, our biggest and most important fund category is our General Offerings, followed by seasonal offerings.
- Our Annual Report lists our various funds categories. From time to time, new funds are created (and others removed) for special offerings and/or projects.
- If you have any questions about the tax deductibility of your donations, please do not hesitate to speak with our Envelope Secretary.

6. What is the benefit in planning my givings from a tax perspective?

- The true cost of donating to Christ Church is reduced by the tax deduction received. Recognizing that every household's financial circumstance is different, below is just a simple illustration.

Weekly Donation	Monthly Donation	A	B	C
		Annual Donation	2016 Tax Credit	Actual Cost of Donation (A minus B)
Based on taxable income of \$50,000				
\$ 19	\$ 83	\$ 1,000	\$ 361	\$ 639
\$ 29	\$ 125	\$ 1,500	\$ 562	\$ 938
\$ 38	\$ 167	\$ 2,000	\$ 766	\$ 1,234
\$ 48	\$ 208	\$ 2,500	\$ 964	\$ 1,536
\$ 58	\$ 250	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,835
\$ 67	\$ 292	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,365	\$ 2,135
\$ 77	\$ 333	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,566	\$ 2,434
\$ 87	\$ 375	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,767	\$ 2,733
\$ 96	\$ 417	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,968	\$ 3,032

This is an example from the CRA site. The tax credit here runs from 36-39% of the donation

Source: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/dnrs/svngs/clmng1b2-eng.html>

Budget Planning & Expenses

7. How are we paying for the Assistant Curate and the Director of Family Ministries?

- Combination of Ministry Development Fund, Curacy Grant and "Donors Like You".

8. How much did it cost to replace the carpet? Why did we do this when we were in a deficit position?

- Funding was provided by Catering, the Parish Fellowship Group and Memorial givings.

- 9. What is the plan for the deficit? Can we appeal to the Diocese for relief and/or reduction?**
- A total of \$21,377 was transferred from our Heritage Account to Operating Account, eliminating the accumulated deficit for Fiscal 2016.
 - We cannot appeal to the Diocese for relief. For the most part, churches within the Diocese of Toronto are expected to cover all their operating costs.
- 10. General Fund (Operations) and Heritage Fund: What is the difference?**
- The General Fund is where we manage our income and expenses (much like a household chequing account).
 - The Heritage Fund handles bequests and memorials (much like a savings account) from which large capital and/or ministry projects are funded.
- 11. What did Christ Church realize from the sale of 18 Elizabeth? Where are these funds? Are there plans for these funds?**
- Proceeds from the sale of parish real estate held within the Diocese is split 50/50 between the Parish and the Diocese.
 - Your Corporation presented a case to the various approval levels within the Diocese to retain 75% of the proceeds, based Christ Church's portion of the funds would be allocated to Future Ministry needs.
 - The disbursement of the proceeds are as follows:

Sale of 18 Elizabeth

Total Proceeds on sale		\$	350,823
Selling costs			20,552
Net Proceeds			330,271
Deduct Synod portion 25%			(82,568)
Proceeds to Christ Church		\$	247,891
Deduct			
Renovation costs prior to sale			(4,739)
Bishop discretion fund donation			(2,000)
Gain on sale per financial statements		\$	241,152
Allocation of funds			
Funds allocated to Future Ministries	\$	63,000	
Repayment of Heritage loan		50,000	
Boiler reserve paid to Heritage		80,000	193,000
Balance (Retained in General Fund)		\$	48,152

We hope that you found the preceding Questions and Answers helpful. We focused on the more common questions we hear. That said, please feel free to speak with any member of Corporation should you have any other questions or require clarification. We would be most happy to help. If you have a question, it is very likely someone else has the same one!

Congregation Contributions

A Christmas Memory

During the Rev. Canon Kim Beard's last year at Christ Church, he suggested that the Christ Church Players should present the outdoor "Walk to Bethlehem". Bill and Jane Hutton offered to stage it at their apple orchard and so we busily went into production mode. A date in December was chosen, the cast rehearsed their roles. Grace Andrews, Gloria Watts and I pulled the appropriate costumes, while Bill and Jane went to great trouble to clean out their stable and set bonfires around their property. George Kee painted a backdrop, complete with star, to hang behind the manger and we transported the racks of clothes over to the Huttons.

Just before the visitors were to arrive, I went around the property to see that everyone was in place and knew what to do when the bands of travellers approached them. Fortunately it was a pleasant evening with just a dusting of snow to add to the atmosphere. Numerous cars drove up the lane and parked in the designated spots and then the leaders put the travellers into groups of ten to lead them to Bethlehem. It was quite a hike for some of them.

They were first challenged by a Roman soldier, then a prophet leapt out to declare that "the Son of Man" was to be born in Bethlehem. They passed a group of shepherds huddled around a fire, keeping watch over sheep. Going back up and around the other side of the house, the leader led them over to the tax collector who sat at a table near the stable, where two donkeys, we'd borrowed for the occasion, quietly munched hay in a little enclosure. Each traveller was registered and then had to pay with the 'dinari', he or she had been given.

When they knocked on the inn door, the innkeeper told them there was no room at the inn, but if they went around to the stable below they might find a baby as he'd sent a husband with his pregnant wife to sleep there. The travellers made their way past the tax collector again and entered the stable where they found Mary and Joseph and a baby (actually Sarah White for one of these performances), lying in a manger lit by lantern light. As they left the scene, a little group of angels sang "Glory to God in the highest", their voices rising sweetly in the night air.

The travellers then climbed a hill where they encountered a group of merchants, who were trying to profit from the swelling ranks of visitors to Bethlehem. They kept shoving their baskets of wares at the travellers. One of the merchants had informed me that she couldn't stay for the whole evening and so I took up her basket and strode forward to confront one of the groups of travellers. That group was made up of several parents or aunts and two young children.

The moon shone brightly on one young boy who looked at me with shining eyes full of wonder. I was a little startled, but with my actor's motivation I pushed the basket at him and urged him to buy my wares. "No!" he said. "I've seen the baby Jesus in that stable", and he pointed down the hill. I tried to brush away his claim and tried again to interest him in my wares, but he was adamant. "I have seen Him. He's down there in that stable!" I was completely taken aback by those dark eyes, shining with light, and let him go on his way.

Each year as the Christmas season rolls around, I often think of that little boy. He'll be a young man by now and will no doubt have gained knowledge and perhaps skepticism. I hope there will always be a place in his memory when he recalls what he experienced that night.

-- Nancy Erb Kee

Liturgical Schedule

December 4, 2016 to March 5, 2017

December 4, 2016 – Advent 2

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist
 4:00 PM Sunday Afternoon at the
 Movie - **Soul Surfer**

January 15, 2017 – Epiphany 2 to

February 5, 2017 – Epiphany 5
 7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

December 11, 2016 – Advent 3

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist
 4:00 PM **Advenio**

February 12, 2017 – Epiphany 6

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

December 18, 2016 – Advent 4

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Worship and Pageant
 4:00 PM **Lessons and Carols**

February 19, 2017 – Epiphany 7

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

December 24, 2016 – Christmas

5:00 PM Children's Service
 8:00 PM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:00 PM Traditional Eucharist
 * *Carol singing at 7:30 PM and 9:30 PM*

February 26, 2017 – Transfiguration

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

December 25, 2016 – Christmas Day

10:00 AM Said Eucharist with hymns

February 28, 2017 – Shrove Tuesday

5:30 PM Pancake Supper
 7:00 PM Family Lenten Service

January 1, 2017 – Epiphany of our Lord

10:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist

March 1, 2017 – Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Said Eucharist
 7:00 PM Choral Eucharist

January 8, 2017 – Baptism of our Lord

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

March 5, 2017 – Lent 1

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
 9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

Laying on of Hands

Is anyone among you sick? Then they must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick -- James 5:14-15 (NAS)

At Christ Church we offer this anointing on the first Sunday of each month at the time of the Eucharist to any who are struggling with physical or emotional distress. Please take advantage of this beautiful, ancient practice.



Around the Sanctuary

December's Advent Banner

The work of Ross Brock, this wooden triptych with a fabric background is of *The Jesse Tree*.

December's Christmas Banners

Madonna and Child, in gilt-simulated leather on deep blue velvet, was given by the Breen family. *Nativity*, which is hung in the Canon Watts Way was pieced and sewn by Nancy Taylor and quilted by the Dorcas Group.

January's Epiphany Banner

Created by the late Ruth Bagshaw, it is of *The Three Kings*.

February's Banner

Worked by Joan Shaner on behalf of the Knit And Stitch Group, the predominantly blue banner depicts God's love as symbolized by The Star; the light of God's love which shines in our lives (white), and how we reflect that love back into the world (pink).

Parish Registry

Baptisms

October 30, 2016 - All Saints

Isaiah Owen Browne born February 15, 2016
 Hannah Michelle Cassibo born February 22, 2015
 Boedy Xavier David Howell born June 23, 2016
 Evelyn Georgia Rego born June 23, 2016
 Elaire Kristina Ross Ryan born July 7, 2015

November 20, 2016 - Christ the King

Holly Susan Kate Fidler born April 16, 2015



Courier Contributions Request

We print general items submitted from members of the congregation. These items are welcomed and will be used as space and relevance allows. If you feel a calling to do this, please do not hesitate to submit it.

We would also like to see more group updates from around the Parish. In a given year, references to many groups are only made in the annual Vestry Report. Some groups only appear in the bulletin once in a while when they are organizing an event.

Please reflect on your group's ability to add one or two items a year to *The Courier*. It would be even better if you could submit information for all four editions in a year so we can all keep up to date on the various groups available to us in our Parish.

Quotations

Do you have a favourite quotation of a religious or spiritual nature? If you would like to see it in *The Courier*, please send it to us. Please be sure to quote the source.

The Courier Schedule

There are four editions of *The Courier* published every year. Due to the publishing dates being tied to four major church events the exact publishing dates move every year. If you have any doubt about the publishing dates or submission deadlines, please use the following as a guide.

Number	Edition	Publication	Submission Deadline
1	Lent	First Sunday of Lent	2 weeks prior to publication
2	Pentecost	First Sunday of Pentecost	2 weeks prior to publication
3	Harvest	Harvest Sunday	2 weeks prior to publication
4	Advent	First Sunday of Advent	2 weeks prior to publication

As you can likely tell, there is a very simple formula to our dates. In the past some of these have moved around a week or two. If this should change for any reason, then ample notice will be provided.

The submission deadline for inclusion in the next edition is February 19, 2017
The Pentecost edition of *The Courier* will be published on March 5, 2017.

Our Corner of the Internet

www.ChristChurchBrampton.ca

This is just a reminder that our parish web site contains news, photos, upcoming event announcements, and other information. You can even re-read this and some previous issues of *The Courier in colour* at the website.

Visit ChristChurchBrampton.ca for more information. If you would like to post an announcement for your group or other event, write to:
web@ChristChurchBrampton.ca



Submissions, comments and suggestions are always welcome.

General Church Information

Weekly Services

Sunday:	(Laying on of Hands - first Sunday monthly at all services)
7:45 am	Said Eucharist
9:00 am	Contemporary Eucharist
10:45 am	Choral Eucharist (Choral Matins on occasion)

Monthly Services

Peel Manor	First Wednesday at 10:30 am
Woodhall Park	Second Wednesday at 10:30 am
Greenway	Third Wednesday 10:30 am

Summer Services

Sunday:	
8:00 am	Said Eucharist
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist

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Staff

Incumbent:	The Rev. Dr. Byron R. Gilmore
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Jeff Nowers
Honourary Associate:	The Rev. Michael Clarke
Honourary Associate:	The Rev. Vic Reigel
Honourary Associate:	The Rev. Robert Payton
Parish Administrator:	Martha Whittaker
Family & Youth Director	Elias Hanna
Organist & Choir Director:	Ron Greidanus
Worship Director:	Sally Campbell
Caretaker:	Joe Felicio



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Rector	The Rev. Dr. Byron R. Gilmore
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Rector's Warden	Peter Harvey
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Worship

Organist and Choir Director	Ron Greidanus
Contemporary Worship Director	Sally Campbell
ELA & Readers' Coordinator	Jeff Smith
Sidespeople Coordinator	John Hall
Sunday School Superintendent	Elias Hanna
Nursery Coordinator	Charlene Bickerstaffe

Anglican Church Women's Groups

Altar Guild	Phyllis Moffatt
Altar Flower Secretary	Phyllis Moffatt (Interim)
Bazaar Convener	Pam Neilly
Parish Fellowship Group	Lydia Bennett

Other Parish Activities

<i>The Courier</i> Editor	Jeffrey White
Webmaster	Martha Whittaker
Church Librarian	
Coffee Hour Coordinators	Janet Smith
Community Outreach Coordinator	Jeannie Jamieson
Parish Visitors	Joan Powell
Prayer Team	Jane Harvey

