

A caring Christian community celebrating God, proclaiming Christ, and serving others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 ♦ Psalm 72:1-7 ♦ Ephesians 3:1-12 ♦ Matthew 2:1-12

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Upcoming at Christ Church

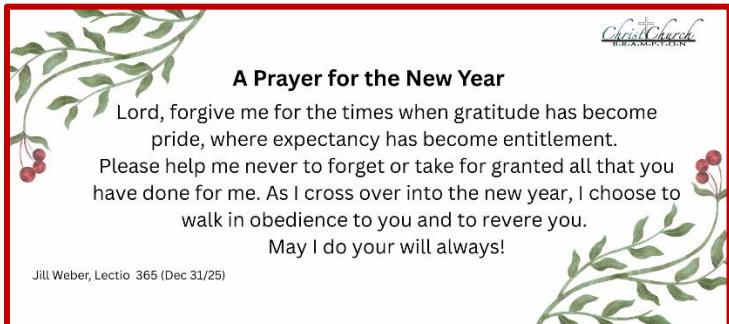
Sunday Evening Prayer tonight @ 6:00 pm on Zoom (see notice)

- ✗ Monday, January 5, 2026
 - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (see notice)
 - Scouts @ 7:00 pm
- ✗ Tuesday, January 6, 2026
 - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (see notice)
 - Beavers & Cubs @ 7:00 pm (see notice)
- ✗ Wednesday, January 7, 2026
 - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (see notice)
 - Worship Collective Rehearsal @ 7:30 pm
- ✗ Thursday, January 8, 2026
 - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (see notice)
 - Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm
 - Bible Study @ 7:30 on Zoom (resumes Jan 15/26)
- ✗ Friday, January 9, 2026
 - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (see notice)
- ✗ Sunday, January 11, 2026 | Baptism of the Lord
 - In-Person @ 10:00 am with refreshments following
 - Advent Children's Choir Rehearsal @ 11:45 (see notice)
 - Online @ 4:00 pm
 - Evening Prayer @ 6:00 pm on Zoom (see notice)
 - NA Group @ 7:00 pm – Auditorium

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Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 42:1-9 ♦ Psalm 29 ♦ Acts 10:34-43 ♦ Matthew 3:13-17



A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, forgive me for the times when gratitude has become pride, where expectancy has become entitlement.

Please help me never to forget or take for granted all that you have done for me. As I cross over into the new year, I choose to walk in obedience to you and to revere you.

May I do your will always!

Jill Weber, Lectio 365 (Dec 31/25)

Outreach | Youth Group

Prior to Advent, our Youth Group took on an outreach project in support of our local ministry partner Regeneration Outreach Community. It was wonderful to watch them take the lead and create 50+ first aid kits.



Left: Launch in October and Right: Blessing in December

Below a lovely thank you note we received from Regeneration

Dear Friends,

Throughout December, leading up to Christmas Day, Christ Church's generosity helped make our Advent Calendar a meaningful blessing for the guests we serve. Because of you, each day held a reminder of care, dignity, and hope during the winter season.

Your donation of first aid kits was deeply appreciated and met a very real and practical need for our guests. Having access to these supplies provided a sense of care, safety, and preparedness, especially during the winter months when small injuries can quickly become more serious. Your thoughtfulness offered reassurance and peace of mind, reminding our guests that they are valued, cared for, and seen.

The Christmas season is not an easy time for everyone. Emotions can be heightened, and many carry heavy burdens. Your kindness helped us extend grace and look for ways to brighten days that may otherwise have felt long or lonely.

Please know that your partnership is making a real and lasting impact on every life touched through our doors, emails, and phone calls. Even when the results aren't immediately visible, this work is deeply meaningful and close to God's heart—and your generosity is a vital part of it.

Thank you for walking alongside us and for being a source of light during this Advent season. We are truly grateful for you.

With sincere appreciation,

Eleanor Copping

Donor Care, Regeneration Outreach Community

Outreach | Caring & Sharing



By December 18, our "Charlie Brown Tree" was bare...just how we like it. That means that our eight adopted families had a full Christmas through our Caring & Sharing ministry. Presents were wrapped, stockings were stuffed and food pantries were stocked up. Everything was out the door by December 21st!

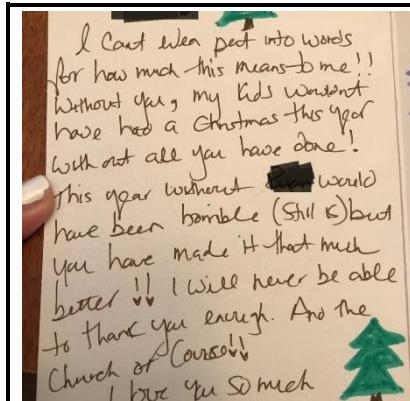
Each year this ministry evolves and new this year was:

🎄 A new ministry partner was introduced. Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship Canada initiative where gifts are delivered to children on behalf of an incarcerated parent to help maintain the bond and connection between parent and child. We were able to provide gifts for 12 children.

<https://prisonfellowship.ca/our-programs/in-community-programs/angel-tree/angel-tree-christmas/>

🎄 Parishioners were partnered with recipient families to take them grocery shopping thereby ensuring they received the food that they would enjoy.

🎄 Our young people included a note of warm Christmas greetings and an invitation to visit us.



Left and below: Samples of the some of the thank you notes from our recipient families.

On behalf of my family, we are saying a very big thanks to you and the entire church. May God bless and replenish every hands that contributed to us. Once more, THANK YOU and THANK YOU. From [redacted] and Family

Thank you to all who supported this ministry...it is a marvel.

Liturgy & Worship

Please feel free to use the Bibles located in the pews, your own Bible and/or your personal device to follow along with the scripture readings. Please join us for refreshments downstairs in the auditorium immediately following the service.

† A Word about Intercessions | Weekly

The term intercession is used for a selection of prayers which remember the needs of and intercede for others. Often these prayers are for people who are ill, grieving or for people who have died. Intercessions can also include thanksgiving for prayers answered such as recovered health, restoration of relationships or the birth of a new child.

Before entering the church (in the Narthex), you will see a binder, where you can add names that will be used in the weekly intercessions. You can ask for prayers for thanksgiving, for those who are sick and for those that have died. Please use first names only.

† Communion | Weekly

All baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The sacrament of Christ's body and blood is offered in both bread and wine. You are welcome to receive both or either. Please, however, do not instinct (dip) the host (bread). Gluten-free bread is available; simply indicate your desire to the priest.

Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing. Please cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Our greeters will be on hand to guide you forward to the bottom of the steps for either communion or a blessing.

† A Word about Anointing with Oil

1st Sunday of the Month

The gospels reveal to us that Jesus' ministry was a ministry of healing. Nearly 1/5 of the gospels are devoted to acts of healing, with more than 40 recorded instances of physical and mental healing. Christian ministry, by its nature, involves ministries of healing that strive for the well-being of the mind, body and spirit. Anointing with oil is a healing ministry intended to happen within the life and worship of a parish or faith community. It's not a private or individual ministry, but a ministry of the whole Church.

www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/healing-ministries

Today, during the communion, anointing will be provided at the back of the church.

Weekly Offerings on Zoom

Evening Prayer (Sunday)	† Sunday Evenings † 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm † Zoom link is on our homepage Phone Number: 1 647-558-0588 Meeting ID: 827 5605 4958 Passcode: 010017
Morning Prayer (Monday – Friday)	† Monday to Friday † 7:15 am to 7:45 am † Zoom link is on our homepage Phone Number: 1 647-374-4685 Meeting ID: 875 3545 1504 Passcode: 745054
Bible Study (Thursday)	† Thursday † 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm † Zoom link is on our homepage

On Pause

Resumes Jan 15/26

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required



3rd Sunday of Advent Christmas Pageant

Seasonal News

TODAY Parish Potluck | Sunday, January 4th

While still in the Christmas Season, what a better way to celebrate with our Non-DNA Family than to have an Epiphany Potluck. **Join us...even if you didn't bring anything ~ there is always plenty!**

Entering our 175th Year | Photo Directory

Plans are well underway for a new Photo Directory, and we are grateful for Peter Harvey who is heading up this initiative. You will not want to miss the opportunity to be included. Photographers will be on-site at Christ Church:

- **Tuesday, January 27 to Friday, January 30** from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- **Saturday, January 31** from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Ideally, we want to get as many parish households as possible to be involved, particularly as we head into our 175th year. Sign-up will begin on Sunday, January 4th ~ you can sign-up while you are at the Parish Potluck!

We are aware that some of you are faithful online members of the parish and we want to make sure you are included in the directory. We can name a few of you but because YouTube does not identify viewers, we simply have no way of knowing who watches. In early January, please contact Peter Harvey at 647-986-8421 to make arrangements for you to be included.

Celebration of New Ministry | Sunday, January 18th at 4:00 pm

While Fr. Theodore has been with us since June 2025, a formal celebration of his appointment as the Incumbent of Christ Church will take place at a service on Sunday, January 18 at 4:00 pm with Bishop Kevin Robertson presiding. There will be a reception to follow. All are warmly invited to attend.



Christmas 2025

Resource Management

Financial Giving

(Registered Charity 130648892 RR 0001)

Because the life and vitality of our Church is important to us, we are each called to make a financial commitment to ensure that the ministry of our church continues to flourish now and for the years to come. We are so grateful for the intentional, purposeful, and sacrificial gifts that enable us to invite, welcome and connect all of us together with Him who abides with us in all times and circumstances. We have several ways to give:

1. **Envelope Sets** are available by contacting the parish office.
2. **Pre-Authorized Remittance ("PAR")** is a monthly amount withdrawn from your bank account.
3. **E-Transfers** via the Interac system. Email address is: christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca If you are new to us please include your name and address in the notes section for receipting purposes.
4. You can donate electronically via **CanadaHelps** using your credit card through the Christ Church Brampton website or here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/>
5. **More information** is available at: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give>

Whether using PAR, E-Transfer or CanadaHelps, please consider donating monthly. A monthly donation spreads income throughout the year and provides a steady and dependable base of support for our ministry.



4th Sunday of Advent | Dec 21/25

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See Life at Christ Church



Parking

As a courtesy to newcomers, the disabled and those with young families, we kindly ask you that you leave the parking in front of the church and those spots along the north wall of the church for those who are less able bodied. **Additionally, the 1st two spots along the north wall are for those with a handicap permit or another equally valid reason.**

In addition to ample street parking, Sunday morning parking is available at the following locations:

Medical Arts 118 Queen St. W.	• Located on the northeast corner of Queen and Mill Street.
Brampton Go	• Located on the northeast corner of Elizabeth and Nelson

Please do not park at the Sterling Dental lots as they require spots on Sunday for their clients.

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