

Dear Friends:

As I write to you, I am on summer holidays with my wife Donethia, and our daughters Doren and Karis, visiting with family in the Bahamas. It seems to some to be an odd (...and perhaps, early) time to take vacation since we only just arrived at Christ Church Brampton on Sunday, June 15th! Yet, the timing itself - decided since late January - is just another one of those details caught up in this season of 'transition and new beginnings' in which I've found myself as my family and I moved from our former parish (St. Stephen, Downsview) to Christ Church Brampton.



Transition and new beginnings are not just a part of my story; they are a part of all our stories as we journey with Christ in faith. Not surprisingly, this is not the first of such times of 'transition and new beginnings' over the course of my ministry as I've moved from the Bahamas to Canada, and from one congregation to another; in fact, it is the fourth! And in these times, I have learned and come to appreciate with increasing profoundly the ways that 'transition and new beginnings' are not only experienced by the clergy, but by the congratulations among which they are privileged to serve. Over many generations at Christ Church Brampton you have learned, developed, and handed down the skills of bidding farewell to former Rectors and their families, and welcoming new ones. But perhaps, more significantly, in these periods of transition and new beginnings you have also, with God's help, developed and embraced your own identity-in-ministry as the people of God here at Christ Church Brampton!

This Christ-centered core identity is what I encountered from the moment I read the parish profile - in my conversations with the parish selection committee (PSC) - during my meeting with Parish leaders and orientation to the place and space - all the way up to the moment I walked through these doors to celebrate my first eucharist with you. It is an understatement to say that I am excited, delighted, and honoured to have been welcomed as a member of this non-DNA family here at Christ Church! Friends, it is all a testament to the faithfulness of God in the interim - in periods of transition and new beginnings - to not let us fall.

Therefore, as we entrust ourselves to the hands of the living God - and as we look forward to the fall and to this next season of ministry together at Christ Church Brampton - I wish to highlight a few things. First, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival in September of our new Assistant Curate, the Rev. Dr. Michael Brain and his dear wife Bridget. Among other things Rev. Michael will be an important link between us and the wider community, work closely with our youth, and bolster our ministries in Christian education and pastoral care. We are also happily anticipating continued close collaboration with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Boers; also in support of our Christian education and pastoral care ministries.

Also beginning in September, I look forward to growing deeper in the faith with you through weekly opportunities for morning and evening prayer online, and through Bible study as we engage the gospel of Matthew.

Friends, this is an exciting and dynamic time in the life of Christ Church Brampton! I sincerely believe that in this season of transition and new beginnings, these opportunities for spiritual growth as a non-DNA family of faith are but the beginning of many new and exciting things to come. It is my hope and prayer that you will join us as we journey together into this new phase of ministry together!

Peace and blessings,

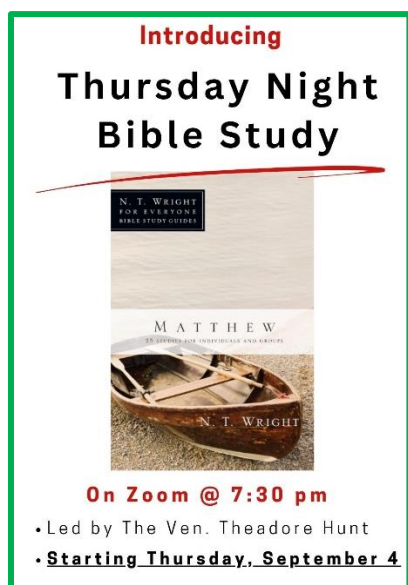
*Theodore +*

The Venerable Theodore Hunt  
Incumbent

Fall is often a time of renewal and a kick-start to our programming year and, as a result, we find ourselves busy over the summer months planning for the season ahead ~ whether it be introducing new initiatives or relaunching older ones! **If** you have missed church for a while, you may have missed some of these things. **And** if you have missed Christ Church for a while, do join us on Sunday morning so that we can say "Welcome home, friend."

## \* **NEW\*** Launching this Fall | Thursday Night Bible Study on Zoom Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer on Zoom

As a natural extension of last year's series *Lord, Teach Us Your Prayer: A New Look at the Lord's Prayer* and our 2023 Lenten Study, *The Prayer Course*, we are delighted to be offering Morning and Evening Prayer starting in September. These services will be on Zoom. Additionally, we are launching a regular Thursday evening Bible Study.



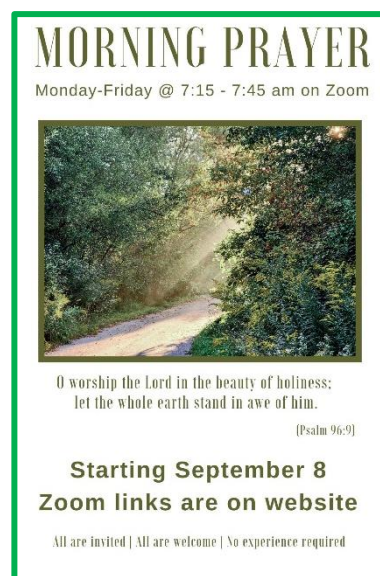
### **Bible Study\***

- † **Starts Thursday, September 4**
- † Sunday Evenings
- † 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- † Zoom link on our homepage



### **Evening Prayer**

- † **Starts Sunday, September 7**
- † Sunday Evenings
- † 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- † Zoom link on our homepage



### **Morning Prayer**

- † **Starts Monday, September 8**
- † Monday to Friday
- † 7:15 am to 7:45 am
- † Zoom link on our homepage

\* **Because it is new, here is a bit more information about the Bible Study**

<p><b>Who:</b> It is meant for everyone!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Will be led by Fr. Theodore</li> <li>✓ Families or individuals   Invite a friend</li> <li>✓ From the comfort of your home</li> </ul>	<p><b>What to expect:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A highly readable book that will guide us through the Gospel of Matthew.</li> <li>✓ Weekly we will unpack The Gospel of Matthew through discussion, reflection and application</li> </ul>	<p><b>Materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Gospel of Matthew using N.T. Wright <i>For Everyone Bible Study Guide</i></li> <li>✓ Books are available at the office for \$20 or you can purchase a Kindle version.</li> </ul>
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**All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required**

## More this Fall | Keep this handy

Below is just a taste of what is in store for September and early October. As a reminder, weekly announcements are available each week on our website at: [www.christchurchbrampton.ca](http://www.christchurchbrampton.ca) to keep you well informed on the "happenings" at Christ Church. Another handy way to keep current is to follow our social media feeds on Facebook and Instagram.

Date	What's On?
Thur. Sept 4	<b>Bible Study</b>   Starts on Zoom at 7:30 (see previous page for more details)
Sun. Sept 7	<b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b>   Will take place during worship at 10:00 am <b>Assistant Curate Starts</b>   As announced on June 29, The Rev. Dr. Michael Brain begin his 2-year appointment with Christ Church. His first Sunday with us will be September 7. <b>Sunday Night Evening Prayer</b>   Starts on Zoom at 6:30 pm (see previous page for more details)
Mon. Sept 8	<b>Monday – Friday Morning Prayer</b>   Starts on Zoom at 7:15 am (see previous page for more details)
Sun. Sept 21	<b>Episcopal Visit</b>   The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, will be our guest preacher and presider.
Sat. Sept 27	<b>Sacred Sewing</b>   Resumes starting at 9:30 am. This group meets monthly on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday to create items for various outreach projects.
Sun. Sept 28	<b>Annual Meeting of Vestry</b>   The Annual Meeting of Vestry is "church-speak" for our Annual General Meeting where we approve the Annual Vestry Report, Financial Statements and our Budget. We also elect and/or appoint our Wardens and Advisory Board among other business-related items. The meeting is approximately 60 minutes in length.
Fri. Oct 3	<b>Youth Group Retreat</b>   An overnight Youth Retreat at Christ Church for those in Grade 6+. Stay tune for more detail but mark your calendars now.
Sun. Oct 5	<b>Harvest Sunday</b>   Perishable food items used to decorate the church for Harvest Sunday will be collected. More information to follow.



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## Recruiting & Relaunching

### Worship Collective

**"Sing once is like praying twice"** is a quote attributed to St. Augustine and is fitting for our music ministries. The Worship Collective is currently looking for vocalists, especially those with the gift of singing in harmony.

The Worship Collective rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm, at the church.

If you are interested in lending your talents to this ministry, please reach out to Sally Campbell at [sallycampbell.traveler@gmail.com](mailto:sallycampbell.traveler@gmail.com) or speak to her after church on Sunday.

### Pastoral Care & Parish Visitors

Pastoral care for parishioners is a high priority for everyone at Christ Church. It is important that clergy and lay volunteers be aware of members of the congregation who are ill or injured, facing the death of loved ones or simply unable to attend church in person. In response, they can call or visit in person to provide emotional and spiritual support. If you or a family member is in hospital, would like a pastoral visit, or would like to receive communion at home, please let Father Theadore, Martha or one of the Wardens know.

We invite you to consider being a part of this very important ministry. If you feel called to serve with the Parish Visitors or the Prayer Ministry, please let Father Theadore, Martha or one of the Wardens know. We plan to hold training sessions in early October. If you are not sure whether this Ministry is suitable for you, please come to the training and find out.


### Sunday Morning Ministries

We have been so blessed to emerge from the pandemic and to thrive during a period of leadership transition. So many volunteers stepped up to read, serve, greet, pray and even on occasion deliver a homily! Later in the fall, we plan to hold a training session for new and returning Eucharistic Lay Assistants and Servers. It has been some time since we had a training session and with Fr. Theadore now with us, the timing is ideal to have a good refresher. Watch out for more information.



"Ancient of Days, my foundation and my future, help me to live faithfully and prayerfully today, true to You and to those who've gone before, as a witness to your world today and for generations to come."

(Pete Greig, Lectio 365)

 Courtesy of parishioner who was visiting a friend and thought to take it.  
(July 2025)

Check out "Summer in the City" photos on our website under Recent Events.