

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter | April 28, 2024



**The Season of Easter | Sunday Worship**

In-Person @ 10:00 am  
Online @ 4:00 pm

All are invited  
All are welcome  
No experience required

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



## Today's Readings

Acts 4:5-12 ◆ Psalm 23 ◆ 1 John 3:16-24 ◆ John 10:11-18

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.



### Brother, Give Us a Word - Good Shepherd

The good news is that we don't need to be perfect. We only need to be found. We give thanks that the Good Shepherd continues to search for us, so that one day we will be found, gathered into his arms, and brought home.

Br. James Koester, SSJE | April 17, 2024



## Upcoming at Christ Church

- ✘ Monday, April 22, 2024
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Cubs @ 7:00 pm - Auditorium
- ✘ Tuesday, April 23, 2024
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Scouts @ 7:00 pm – Auditorium
- ✘ Wednesday, April 24, 2024
  - Worship Collective Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm
- ✘ Thursday, April 25, 2024
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Beavers @ 5:45 pm - Auditorium
  - Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 pm
- ✘ Saturday, April 27, 2024
  - Sacred Sewers @ 9:30 am - Auditorium
- ✘ Sunday, April 28, 2024
  - Church In-Person @ 10:00 am | Refreshments following
  - Church Online @ 4:00 pm
  - NA Group @ 7:00 pm – Auditorium



### Readings for next Sunday

Acts 8:26-40 ◆ 1 John 4:7-21 ◆ John 15:1-8

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# Liturgy & Worship

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In January, we re-introduced pre-pandemic practices focusing on prayer, specifically intercession and anointing. Both are briefly described below. As Christians, we are called to pray in many forms. With the pandemic, two of our practices (adding to our weekly intercessions and monthly anointing with oil) were put on pause. And now, beginning in Lent, we are re-introducing yet another practice paused during the pandemic. This tradition focuses on our offering.

## 1. A Word about Intercessions | Weekly

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.

## 2. A Word about Anointing with Oil | 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

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.

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

## 3. Offering (Collection) | Weekly

Prior to March 2020, Christ Church "passed the plate" during the offertory. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, we re-introduced this into our Sunday morning worship. Now our parish family has an opportunity to respond in this manner as an act of worship and gratitude for all the God has given us.

Greeters will pass the offering plate during the Offertory Hymn and take it forward for a blessing.



### Byron's Retirement Celebration

I'm in lasting awe of how wonderful last Sunday was. I am so blown away by the extravagant send-off Christ Church Brampton gave me. Everything was on such a grand scale – your kindness and warmth, the special music and children's homily, the splendid luncheon, and such extravagant gifts from the congregation – this day will be forever etched in my memory.

Thank you to all who worked so hard on such a splendid occasion. Thank you to all who led, served, cooked, prepared, cleaned-up, decorated, took photos, and did so many things to make the day so exceptional. Thank you to those who came from Windsor, Sarnia, Ottawa, from the Eastern Townships of Quebec and points in between. It was so wonderful to see friends from high school, university, the military, and policing as well as folks from former parishes. Thank you for the honour of your presence and most of all thank you for the honour of serving our God among you.

Thank you all that was so much more than I could have ever asked for or imagined.

*Byron+*

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### Don't Miss Out | Follow Us

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- ✠ Parish households – for our Easter mailing. It is also available on our website.
- ✠ Also take a peek at **new photos** of life at Christ Church during **Lent**, **Holy Week** and **Byron's last Sunday** with us at:

[www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events](http://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events)

# About Byron's Retirement Potluck



**The Kitchen Crew**



**Returning Clergy**



**Generations & The Engaged**



**The Feast!**

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## Outreach

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### Sacred Sewers

**Saturday, April 27**  
9:30am - 2:00 pm  
Lunch & Refreshments will be provided

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required

**Sacred Sewers** will be meeting on **Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.** A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. No experience is necessary – just a sewing machine. All supplies will be provided, so dust off your sewing machines and bring it along to help us turn squares of fabric into warm lap quilts (*or some equally interesting project!*). If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with:

**Phyllis Moffatt at 647-393-1909**

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## It Takes a Village

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**THANK YOU**  
for serving in Christ's name

We are so grateful for our many, many volunteers within our Parish Family. To attempt to list all the various people or roles would run the risk of missing someone or something. Simply know that we could not be "the church" without you! Through your volunteering and sharing of your particular talents, interests, and spiritual gifts, you play a vital part here at Christ Church.

**Consider this: Romans 12:4-6**

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

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## Interim Priest Appointment

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Announced Palm Sunday by Shumaila Desrochers (Rector's Warden)

With the retirement of Byron, Christ Church has a Parish Selection Committee (PSC) that is actively going through the standard process for finding a new Incumbent.

This is a lengthy process that allows time for discernment by the Diocese, potential Priests, and the PSC. To create room for the Holy Spirit to guide the process and take the time required, the Diocese has appointed an Interim Priest-in-Charge. His name is The Rev. Arthur Boers. He currently serves as an Honorary Assistant at St. Paul L'Amoreaux and is a retired Theologian, Pastor, and Author. He is excited about the prospect of joining us and we are excited to introduce him to Christ Church Brampton on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Knowing we are in good hands for the future we can focus on the Holy Week, the Easter Season and celebrating Byron's ministry at Christ Church. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after Byron's retirement, we will have a guest preach and presider. We will also provide more details about Andrew.

Knowing that God is on the throne, we are very much trusting the process. In the meantime, if there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask me or any of the Wardens.

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## Summer Student | Sarah White

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Several years ago, Christ Church recognized the need to run Sunday School year-round. As a result, we run "Cool Church" over the summer months for children aged 4-12. Many of you will recognize the photo (*to the left*) of Sarah White.

As the daughter of Andrea & Jeff White and older sister to Eric, Sarah's first service at Christ Church was when she was a week old! We are delighted that she has once again accepted the summer position of Coordinator, Children's Ministry. We know that many of our children have fond memories of Sarah's "Camp Bear" last summer. Sarah will be with us from early May until the end of August. We are looking forward to welcoming Sarah home from her 2nd year of university.



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# Resource Management

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## **Financial Giving**

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](mailto:christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca)

*If you are new to us or have moved please include your name and address in the notes section of the transfer for receipting purposes.*

4. You can donate electronically via **CanadaHelps** using your credit card through the Christ Church Brampton website.
5. You can **drop off** your church envelope in the mail slot at the church.
6. You arrange for a **pick-up** by calling Martha at: Office: (905) 451-6649 / Phone or Text: 416-420-3765
7. **More information** is available at:  
<https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give>

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## Encouragement

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What encourages you to give to Christ Church? We likely have many different answers but at the core, we give because it is here that we experience God's unconditional love. It is here where we tend to the sick and lonely. It is here where we create community and look after those less fortunate. It is here that we can experience hope and new life. Our parish ministries count on the generosity of our parish family ~ it is as simple as that. It is through your generosity that we can "be the Church" whether we are inside or outside of the building. More information on our various methods can be found here:

[www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give](https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give)

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# Connect With Us

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## Parking

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

<b>Medical Arts</b> <b>118 Queen St. W.</b>	• Located on the northeast corner of Queen and Mill Street.
<b>Brampton Go</b> <b>***NEW***</b>	• 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.**