

4th Sunday after Epiphany | January 28, 2024



Join Us for Worship Sundays
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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 ✠ 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 ✠ Mark 1:21-28



Upcoming at Christ Church

- ✠ Monday, January 29, 2024
 - 2nd Brampton Scouts @ 7:00 pm
- ✠ Tuesday, January 30, 2024
 - Advisory Board @ 7:00 pm
 - 2nd Brampton Cubs @ 7:00 pm
- ✠ Wednesday, January 31, 2024
 - *The Prayer Course* Online @ 8:00 pm (*See notice*)
 - Worship Collective Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm
- ✠ Thursday, February 1, 2024
 - Staff Meeting @ 6:15 pm
 - 2nd Brampton Beavers @ 6:45 pm
 - Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 pm
- ✠ Saturday, February 3, 2024
 - *The Prayer Course* In-Person @ 10:00 am (*See notice*)
- ✠ Sunday, February 4, 2024
 - Church In-Person @ 10:00 am | Refreshments following.
 - Church Online @ 4:00 pm
 - NA Group @ 7:00 pm – Auditorium



Readings for next Sunday | February

Isaiah 40:21-31 ✠ 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 ✠ Mark 1:29-39

Liturgy & Worship

We are pleased to re-introduce pre-pandemic practices at Christ Church starting January 2024.

“Prayer means many things to many people, but at its simplest and most obvious, it means asking God for help. This is how most churchgoers, and all children understand the word, and they’re right. The word *pray* comes from the Middle English “to ask earnestly” and the Latin *precari*, which means “to entreat.” Absolutely everyone prays in this way from time to time. There are not atheists on a falling plane. It really is the most natural thing in the world to ask God for a safe landing, or for healing, guidance, forgiveness, provision, protection, even a parking space at the supermarket on a wet January day.” (*How to Pray*, Pete Greig, pp 77)

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. We are now in the position to offer these prayer ministries.

1. A Word about Intercessions | Weekly

The term intercession is used for a selection of prayers which remember the needs of and intercede for others.

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 | 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

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

Parish Selection Committee (“PSC”)

In early December, The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore announced that, effective April 7th, he will be retiring after 19 years as our Pastor. A Parish Selection Committee (PSC) has been formed to work with the Bishop to determine who will be the next incumbent for Christ Church Brampton.

To date the members of the PSC have been determined and we have met with the Bishop who has outlined the process and assigned coaches.

The next step is for the PSC is to consult widely with members of the entire parish to gain an understanding of the parish’s unique strengths and needs. The Diocese coaches will help guide the process that will culminate in a Parish Profile. This profile will be shared with the congregation and be the key document in the selection process.

We wish the entire process to be covered in prayer and filled with the Holy Spirit. To that end we encourage you join us in the following prayer:

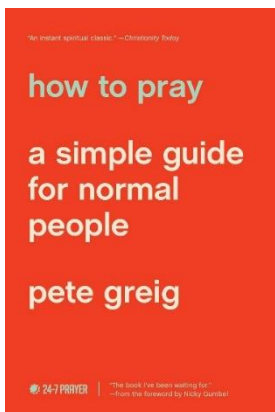
Lord, we thank you for the many blessings Christ Church has received under Rev. Byron’s shepherding and pray that you continue to move mightily in his next stage of ministry. Please send your Holy Spirit on the Parish Selection Committee so their every step is guided by you in determining who the new Incumbent will be. May the process open the entire congregation’s eyes to the blessing you have poured out on Christ Church and the ministry you have for the parish in the years ahead. We pray that you start preparing the heart of the person who will be our new Incumbent and that we can all look with confidence towards the next stage of ministry for Christ Church.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to reach out to any of the PSC members.

Charlene Bickerstaffe, Elizabeth Charters, Chinweike Chike, Shumaila Desrochers, Ken Egbuna, Peter Harvey, John Joukema, Nancy Kee, Stan Szepesi

2024 Lenten Study | The Prayer Course

Kick-start 2024 & your prayer practice by joining a small group! Heck we all need a prayer primer or refresher from time-to-time.



Our selection this year is *How to Pray* & *The Prayer Course* by Pete Greig. *How to Pray* will awaken a passion for prayer in all types of people, from the committed followers of Jesus to the skeptics to those who don't really know where to begin. It uses the Lord's Prayer as a framework ~ after all that was the response to the disciples asking "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). *The Prayer Course* is the companion piece to the book. While we encourage to read the book, you are most welcome attend a small group session without doing so.

Sign-Up: In the Church Office or call Martha at: 905-451-6649 ext. 23

- **On Zoom Wednesday evenings @ 8:00 pm** starting January 31
- **In-Person Saturday mornings @ 10:00 am** starting Feb 3 at Christ Church
- Books available for \$25 (**Available on Audible or Kindle on Amazon**)

And more on prayer!

- ✠ **Anointing with oil** resumes the 1st Sunday of the month starting January 7th. Our lay anointers will be available at the back of the church during Holy Eucharist. They will pray over you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord.
- ✠ Starting January, we will be returning to our practice of providing a prayer list at the back of the church to be included in the weekly **Prayers of the People** (Intercessions).
- ✠ Mark your calendars now for a **Prayer Retreat on Saturday, March 16 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm** at Christ Church led by Dr. Wanda Malcolm. Suitable for Middle School and up. You will not want to miss this day!

Outreach | Coldest Night of the Year



The Christ Church 2023 Team

Saturday, February 24

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OF THE YEAR

In Support of



Christ Church

Christ Church's 2024 Christ Church Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is forming-up! Can you imagine being homeless or under-housed in these last few days of cold & rain? For several years, Christ Church has participated in CNOY in support of Regeneration Outreach Community which serves the homeless and near homeless right in our neighbourhood. Christ Church is a long-standing community partner of Regen and you can read more about their ministry here: www.regenbrampton.com

Where	The event starts & finishes at Garden Square at Main & Queen St. in downtown Brampton.
When	Saturday, February 24 th with a 4:00 pm gathering & a 5:00 pm start & a 7:00 pm end
What	2km or 5km routes
Captain	Jeremy l'Anson-Joukema (promoted after many years of being a team member!)

Everything you need to know is on our website at: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/coldest-night-of-the-year>

Please consider joining our team or sponsoring the team or a team member. You can simply make a direct donation by following the link below or mail, drop-off or e-transfer to Christ Church marking it CNOY. The latter will be receipted by Christ Church but the funds will be directed to Coldest Night of the Year.

Direct Donation: The link below takes you to the Christ Church donation page. There you may sponsor either the team or an individual member ~ it's that easy!

<http://walk.w-ith.us/ChristChurch>

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Parish Life & Outreach

Join us for delicious food,
graciously served &
for a great cause!

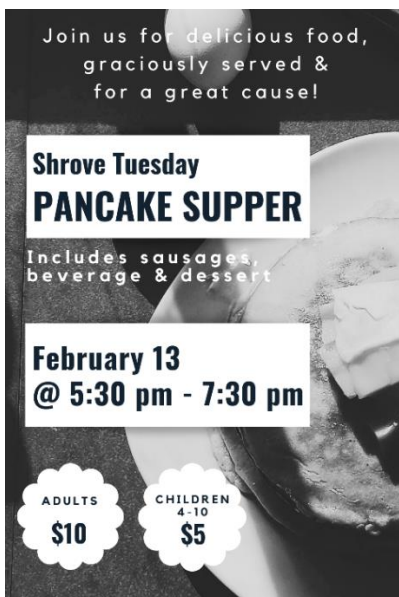
**Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE SUPPER**

Includes sausages,
beverage & dessert

**February 13
@ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

ADULTS
\$10

CHILDREN
4-10
\$5



To some, this is a welcome return and to others, a new experience all together!

We are so delighted to be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Our last gathering for this annual event was February 26, 2020 ~ just a few short weeks from Covid-19 being declared a global pandemic.

Tickets are on sale Sunday mornings. Do plan on joining us and bring a friend!

And if you are interested in volunteering (*which would be gratefully received*), please contact John Joukema at 647-515-9470

Greeters' Ministry | Meeting This Morning

Are you currently a Greeter?

Are you interested in volunteering in this Sunday morning ministry?

Join us for a short and informal meeting **today after the service**. We will gather downstairs in the auditorium, so you won't miss Coffee Hour!



Resource Management

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 a number of 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 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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Check out recent photos including Blessing of the Pets at:
<https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events>

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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 ***NEW***	• Located on the northeast corner of Elizabeth and Nelson

We are thankful to our kind neighbours at Sterling Dental who have allowed to park in their lots, however please kindly refrain from parking at the Sterling Dental lots as they require spots on Sunday for their clients.