

Rest and Re-Creation

Dear Beloved in Christ,

A little more than halfway through the sixth chapter of Mark's gospel account, we come across Jesus' well-known invitation to his disciples to come aside and rest a while. He said to them, "*Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.*" (Mk.6:31) Mark tells us that many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. Jesus' invitation to them is one which harkens back to the sabbath command to rest. It is a *pastoral* invitation which reminds us that rest should not be understood as the privilege or prerogative of a select few. Rather, rest is a necessity for all of us as God's human creatures; a time to simply take a step back, to unplug for a moment, to take a deep breath or go off-grid so that we might recalibrate for the next stage of the journey ahead.



For many people, the summer months offer that opportunity to "*come away...and rest for a while*". And so, if you found yourself perhaps running on fumes at the end of June, I pray that these past few months have granted you space and time to yourselves for both rest and re-creation.

As we at Christ Church Brampton (CCB) transition from summer into fall, I am looking forward to the 2026-2027 year with all that that entails for life and ministry; building on what has been established and also reaching out in new directions! We will continue to meet regularly on Zoom for morning prayer (weekday mornings at 7:15am) and evening prayer (Sunday evenings at 6pm). Bible Study will resume in September with an exploration of Paul's letter to the Philippians. We look forward to welcoming those who will be preparing to receive the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, and many others who will simply embrace the opportunity in this next season to deepen and reaffirm their faith in Christ as Lord.

I want to take this moment to welcome back all our amazing volunteers; fellow labourers in ministry without whom this work would feel 'heavier'. In the next little while, our non-DNA family will have many new and exciting opportunities to share within our own community (and beyond) all that we have to offer. In doing so, it is my hope that you will discern how you might get involved, or perhaps deepen your commitment, in this ministry in which we are privileged to participate! I believe that in this next season God will bring about a continued increase of the ministry here at Christ Church Brampton. Please join me in praying for this in the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise you for those whom you have called to the ministry of your Church from age to age. Make known your will to those whom you would use today. Give them understanding of the task that awaits them; strengthen them as they prepare to fulfil their calling; and ever keep them humble and faithful in your service; for the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

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Fr. Theadore

Reflecting Back

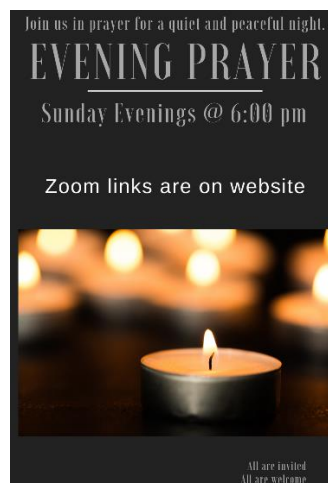
Yes, summer is often a time of rest and re-creation but is also a time of taking stock and planning for the year ahead. With Fr. Theodore joining us in June 2025 and Rev. Michael arriving in September 2025, this past year has been a year of *settling in* but certainly *not standing still*. While other ministries thrived throughout the year, here are few extraordinary things we accomplished:

- ✝ Morning Prayer on Zoom (Mon – Fri @ 7:15 am) throughout the year. ([link on website](#))
- ✝ Evening Prayer on Zoom (Sun @ 6:00 pm) throughout the year. ([link on website](#))
- ✝ Weekly Bible Study on Zoom (Thu @ 7:30 pm) resumes Thursday, September 10. ([link on website](#))
- ✝ “Experiencing the Trinity” book study in June over four weeks Zoom.
- ✝ Plenty of times for fellowship opportunities including Epiphany Potluck, Celebration of New Ministry, and a June Canada Day themed Potluck.
- ✝ Piloting “home-delivery” for parishioners unable to attend unable to our Pancake Supper.
- ✝ For our Youth, we had a fall overnight retreat and a day-long Ash Wednesday program.
- ✝ A re-boot of the Parish Visitors ministry with recruitment & training.
- ✝ Training for new Eucharistic Lay Assistants, Servers and Anointers
- ✝ Expanded participation of our Youth in the services including hearing them preach!
- ✝ A celebration of Ministry Appreciation in June for all those who volunteer.
- ✝ June concert, “The Journey” with a freewill offering to our local ministry partner, Regeneration Outreach Community.
- ✝ Intergenerational relationship building for our Youth Group who meets throughout the year to hear faith stories from parishioners.
- ✝ Strengthening of our internal business & governance processes.



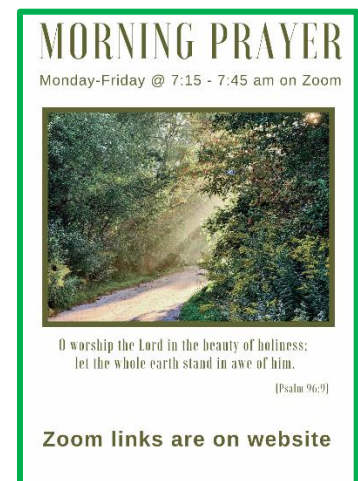
Bible Study

- ✝ Resumes, September 10
- ✝ Thursday Evenings
- ✝ 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- ✝ Zoom link on our homepage



Evening Prayer

- ✝ Throughout the year
- ✝ Sunday Evenings
- ✝ 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- ✝ Zoom link on our homepage



Morning Prayer

- ✝ Throughout the year
- ✝ Monday to Friday
- ✝ 7:15 am to 7:45 am
- ✝ Zoom link on our homepage

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required

Looking forward | Keep this handy

And now we look forward to the fall ~ much like the beginning of a school year, we are excited about what's in store. As a reminder, weekly announcements are available each week on our website at: 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 10	Bible Study Thursdays evenings at 7:30 on Zoom. We have books available for purchase (\$20) or you can get the Kindle version. Over 9 weeks, we will be studying N.T. Wright's "Philippians and wrapping up on November 5.
Sun. Sept 13	Blessing of the Backpacks Will take place during worship at 10:00 am.
Sat. Sept 26	Sacred Sewing Resumes starting at 9:30 am. This group meets monthly on the 4 th Saturday to create items for various outreach projects. Contact Phyllis Moffatt for more information at: 647-393-1909
Sun. Sept 27	Annual Meeting of Vestry 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.
Sat. Oct 3	Doors Open While we open our doors each & every Sunday, Christ Church is taking part in this year's Door Open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. 
	Harvest Decorating & Outreach We collect perishable food (fruit & vegetables) that are used to decorate the church. Food is donated local food banks so that others may share in our bounty. We will be collecting from 9:00 – 11:00 am.
Sun. Oct 4	Harvest Sunday Perishable food items used to decorate the church for Harvest Sunday will be collected. Non-perishable food will also be collected for donation.
Sun. Nov 22	Rededication Sunday Marking the formal end of our 175 th Anniversary year, Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, will join us for a Rededication of Christ Church followed by a Parish Luncheon. 
Fri. Dec 4	The Messiah The Georgetown Bach Chorale, under the direction of Ron Greidanus, presents Handel's Messiah at 7:30 pm.



Join Us for Worship Sundays
In-Person @ 10:00 am | Online @ 4:00 pm






Spring & Summer Photos

Our "Recent Events" page on our website has been updated with new folders of photos ~ you will want to slip over to: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events> or scan the QR code below to see photos taken over the last few months.



Youth takes the lead on Trinity Sunday



Staff hosting Coffee Hour for Ministry Appreciation



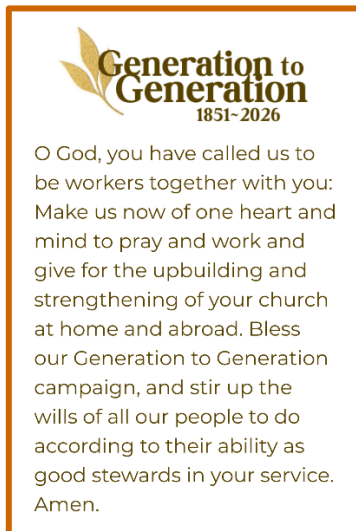
Left: Good Friday Solemn Service
Centre: Good Friday Prayer Walk
Right: Blessing during the Eucharist



Left: Welcome to Church
Centre: Scan for photos
Right: Canada Day Potluck



A Word of Thanks & Encouragement



You can never say thank you too often.

We remain grateful to those Parish Families that continue to fulfill their Generation-to-Generation stewardship pledge.

Your faithfulness to the ministries of Christ Church is vitally important as we begin a new fiscal year.

Should you require information about your givings to date and how they compare to your pledge, please do not hesitate to contact our Envelope Secretary, Ruth Wiggins. Ruth can be reached at:

ruth.wiggins@sympatico.ca

We recognize that circumstances change from time-to-time.

How to Give

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Whether you made a pledge or not, we know that the life and vitality of our Church is important to each of 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 offer 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>

Either our Parish Administrator (Martha Whittaker) or Envelope Secretary (Ruth Wiggins) would be happy to assist you or answer any further questions.

There's always room

In God's house there is always room for more: more ideas, more people, more ways to share, more stories to tell. And in the world that God created, there is more needed: more love, more connection, more peace, more creativity. We are reminded that there is always room in God's house; we just need to make ourselves at home and invite others to join us. The ways we steward our relationships, resources, and responses to grow ministry and serve our neighbors are the ways we connect our gratitude to our generosity. There's plenty of room in God's House; pull up a chair and sit down.

Adapted from TENS

We love to answer questions

1. What about the Visioning Workshop?

With new leadership in place, we are just in the beginning stages of crafting our vision for the next few years. Critical to the process will be input from you ~ our parish family ~ to help set priorities, create a vision and develop plans. Stay tune for more information on how you can participate.

2. How can I get involved volunteering? Or trying something new?

Without our Non-DNA parish families, Christ Church would seem lifeless. If you are looking for your place to plug in or interested in what we offer, look no further than Coffee Hour on Harvest Sunday (October 4). Whether you love welcoming others, lending a hand behind the scenes or looking to try something new, there is a place for you. Come and see!

3. I am interested in Baptism. Tell me more?

Baptisms will take place in November. If you or someone you know is interested in Baptism, please complete the Baptismal Application available at the Parish Office by Sunday, September 13. Fr. Theodore will be having 3 to 4 sessions prior to the November date.

4. Are we doing Confirmation soon?

Yes, indeed! Confirmation classes kick-off on the 1st Sunday of Advent (Nov 29). As in the past, classes will mostly be held on Sundays following worship. Confirmation is generally suitable for those in Grade 7+ and is also open to those who desire to reaffirm their faith. The full schedule and application form will be released in the coming weeks BUT Confirmation will be held at Christ Church on The Day of Pentecost (May 16, 2027).

And one last piece of wonderful news!



By the grace of God
and with the consent of the people,
The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson,
Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Toronto
will ordain
Michael Raymond Brain
to the Sacred Order of Priests
on Sunday, November 29th at 4:00 pm
at Christ Church, Brampton.

Please keep Michael and his wife Bridget in your prayers.

In closing, we offer our deepest thanks to all those who join us in partnering with God and His mission in Brampton and beyond. We look forward to seeing you in the weeks to come.

Stan Szepesi
Rector's Warden

Sean Joseph
People's Warden

Natacha Pennycooke
Deputy Rector's Warden

Elizabeth Charters
Deputy People's Warden