

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

**The Season of Easter**  
**Sunday Worship**



All are invited  
All are welcome  
No experience required

### Today's Readings

Acts 7:55-60 ✦ Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 ✦ 1 Peter 2:2-10 ✦ John 14:1-14

**Please join us immediately following this morning's service for Coffee Hour hosted by our Children, Youth and Family Ministry as part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

### Upcoming at Christ Church

- ✘ Monday, May 4, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (*see notice*)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Scout & Ventures @ 7:00 pm
- ✘ Tuesday, May 5, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (*see notice*)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Beavers & Cubs @ 7:00 pm
- ✘ Wednesday, May 6, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (*see notice*)
  - Worship Collective Rehearsal @ 7:30 pm
- ✘ Thursday, May 7, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (*see notice*)
  - Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm
  - Bible Study @ 7:30 pm on Zoom
- ✘ Friday, May 8, 2026
  - Morning Prayer @ 7:15 am on Zoom (*see notice*)
- ✘ Saturday, May 9, 2026
  - Server's Training @ 10:00 am
- ✘ Sunday, May 10, 2026 | 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - In-Person @ 10:00 am with Coffee Hour following.
  - Online @ 4:00 pm
  - Evening Prayer @ 6:00 pm on Zoom
  - NA Group @ 7:00 pm - Auditorium

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### Readings for next Sunday

Acts 17:22-31 ✦ Psalm 66:7-18 ✦ 1 Peter 3:13-22 ✦ John 14:15-21

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## Liturgy & Worship

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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 intinct (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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/healing-ministries)

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

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# Celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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How grateful we are for those that came before us and had the foresight to plant an Anglican church in Brampton. This year, we are celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being rooted in the heart of the city. While more events may unfold, we want to draw your attention to:



**Easter Tea:** While still in the Season of Easter, our Children, Youth and Family Ministry is hosting a tea following worship on Sunday, May 3.



**Spring Concert:** Our Music Ministries are coming together for a special evening on Friday, June 12 @ 7:00 pm (*see next page*)



**Ministry Volunteer Appreciation:** On Sunday, June 14, Clergy and staff will host a special Coffee Hour thanking our numerous volunteers across the many ministries of Christ Church.



**Doors Open:** A Brampton-wide celebration of history where we join other locations and open the doors for tours on Saturday, October 3.



**Ministry Fair:** What a better way to showcase our ministries than on Harvest Sunday, October 4. Maybe you will discover a new interest or undiscovered gift to offer?



**Visioning Workshop:** We will gather in the fall to imagine where our ministry might be heading in the next 5 to 10 years.



**Rededication Sunday:** We will conclude our formal celebrations with a Rededication of Christ Church on Sunday, November 22, The Reign of Christ with **The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, presiding.** Worship will be followed by a Parish Luncheon.

**Other Events to be Announced**

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## A Word of Thanks & Encouragement

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Lord, as I consider the fast-changing, chaotic world that awaits me in the coming day, may my mind remain anchored in the certainty of your unchanging Word and my soul find solace in the serenity of your presence.

You can never say thank you too often.

Parish families who made a stewardship pledge to the ministries of Christ Church should have received a note of gratitude in their mail from Fr. Theodore this past week.

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## Save the Date

**Friday, June 12 @ 7:00 pm**

Our Music Ministries are preparing for an evening of music, reflection and inspiration as part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Please mark your calendars now, plan to attend and invite a neighbour or friend. This promises to be a wonderful evening.

*Christ Church*  
B.R.A.M.P.T.O.N

Music Ministries  
presents

### ***The Journey: Strength for the Road***

*...spiritual food for  
the weary Pilgrim*

**Friday, June 12  
7:00 pm**

**Christ Church  
4 Elizabeth St. N.  
Brampton**

Freewill offering in support of



# Celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Copies of the Brampton Historical Society's Spring Newsletter are available in the office or online. As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Liz Charters, with the assistance of Bill Hutton, have written an article about Christ Church. Thank you Liz and Bill for the spotlight!



## Buffy's

## Corner

### Conserve, Educate and Celebrate Brampton's History

The Official Newsletter of the Brampton Historical Society

Spring 2025

## From the Editors

In this edition, we have a spotlight on Christ Church in Brampton. This church is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026. Yup - it is older than Brampton and continues to be active in the community. Elizabeth Charters, with assistance by Bill Hutton, has written a wonderful article about the history and activities of this beloved institution.

While not normally thought about, the sewage system is a critical element to a city's infrastructure. Kyle Neill, PAMA archivist, writes about an interesting book in the PAMA archives. *The Brampton Sewerage Works, 1924* is a collection of plans for Brampton sewers designed over 100 years ago. The public can access these historical sewer plans by reaching out to the Archives.

The James House, built in 1840, was originally located on Torbram Rd. It was relocated to Black Credit Village in 1973 and fully restored. It is now known as the "Doctor's House". Our article provides the history and updated photos of this building.

BHS has updated its logo and has a new banner. The new logo is now in our newsletter header. Changes have also been made to our website - check it out.

Let us know if there are any historic persons, places, and events that you want featured here. Of course, member stories are welcome.

*Buffy's Corners*

Editors ..... Elizabeth Charters  
& Giulia Geraci

## Brampton's Christ Church - 175 years in the making

One of Brampton's oldest parishes, Christ Church, Brampton, is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Its present building, located at the corner of Queen Street and Elizabeth Street in the heart of the old downtown, is Brampton's oldest Anglican church. Its silver spire is still highly visible even though multistory



condominiums are springing up around the church. However, the parish itself dates back to 1851. The history of this congregation and the buildings that housed it has been one of constant adaptation to changed circumstances that reflect the growth and development of Brampton as a whole.

### The First 100 Years 1851-1951

The parish known now as Christ Church, Brampton was founded by local farmers and merchants even before Brampton became a village in 1853. However, the congregation was slow to become established during the 33 years between the founding of the local Anglican incumbency under the Rev. William Guise Tucker and the acquisition of the present building at 4 Elizabeth Street North in 1884. During that time there were eight rectors and some temporary missionaries leading the small congregation. The services moved from the old school building at 19 John Street (then called Trinity Church). The John Street address is now the headquarters for CUPE Local 831. The wood frame building used as the first church now stands at the corner of McMurchy and Jessie streets.

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# Weekly Offerings on Zoom

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## 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

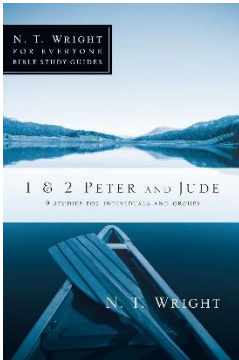
(Thursday)

† Thursday | **resumes April 23**  
† 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
† Zoom link is on our homepage

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## Discipleship | Evening Bible Study Thursdays @ 7:30 pm on Zoom

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### Focusing on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter

**Resumes:** Thursday, April 23

**Time:** 7:30 to 8:30 pm

**How:** Zoom link is on our website homepage

**Duration:** From Thursday, April 23 to Thursday, May 28 but you can join any time.

**Who:** It is meant for everyone!

- ✓ Families or individuals | Invite a friend
- ✓ From the comfort of your home

### **What to expect:**

- ✓ A highly readable book by N.T. Wright that will guide us through the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistles of Peter
- ✓ Weekly we will unpack the readings through discussion, reflection and application

**Materials:** Books will be available at the office for \$20 or you can purchase a Kindle version.

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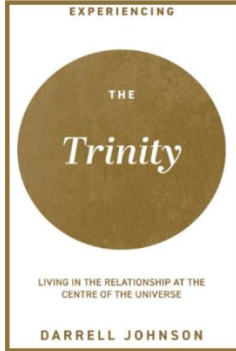
# Discipleship | June Study Mondays @ 7:30 pm on Zoom

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School is still in! Consider joining Rev. Michael on Monday evenings in June as we study the Doctrine of the Trinity.

## June Monday Night Study

**On Zoom @ 7:30 pm**  
**Link on website homepage**



Led by The Rev. Dr. Michael Brain

**Monday, June 1 - Monday, June 29**

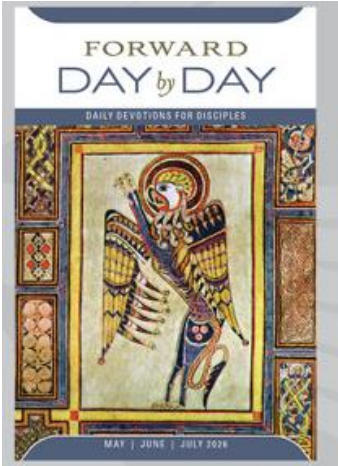
### Why the Trinity?

For many people the doctrine of the Trinity is a hopeless puzzle, a outdated philosophical idea far removed from everyday life. What does it all mean? And how can something so mysterious possibly make a difference in our everyday lives? Rev. Michael assures us that Darrell Johnson's book is engaging and will prime us for a worthwhile discussions about this doctrine which is both the heart of biblical Christianity and the center of Christian experience.

### Where can I get the book?

Books are available at the office for \$20 or you can purchase a Kindle version.

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required



Daily devotions for the months of May - July 2026 are available in church office

*We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life.*

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## Name Tags

## 2026 Spring Order

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***God knows who you are but do we? Need a name tag?***

We like to call each other by name at Christ Church ~ this is true for clergy, staff and parishioners. It is also true for those who have been here for decades and those who have recently joined the parish.

Name tags are free, however should you wish help offset the costs (\$10 each), you can simply place your donation on the offering plate in an envelope marked **Name Tags** and it will be included on your annual tax receipt.

If you have recently joined the parish or need a replacement, please sign up for a name tag in the Parish Office. We kindly ask that new members complete the "New Member Form".

**An order will be placed mid-June | If you ordered in the Fall, please ensure that your name is on the list.**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with our Parish Administrator Martha for assistance. She is often here on Sundays or you can be reached at:

Phone: 905-451-6649 ext. 23 | Cell: 416-420-3765

Email: [christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca](mailto:christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca)

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## “The Big Clean” | Saturday, May 9

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Mark your calendars now for the big spring cleaning at Christ Church on **Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**. Many hands make light work and there are several chores and repairs that we look forward to “knocking off the list.” Stay tuned for more info!



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## Sundays @ Christ Church

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Above: Coffee Hour (Apr 26/26)  
Below: Our Youth Group meets again May 24



Check out more photos at: [www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events](http://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events)

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## Sacred Sewing

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Monthly (usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month except July and August), a group comes together to create items for local outreach or various healthcare departments. It is a time of fun and fellowship ~ yummy lunches too! If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Phyllis Moffatt at 647-393-1909. They will next be meeting on Saturday, May 23. Below are photos from May 25/26.



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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 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>

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## Reflecting on John 14:1-14

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Jesus speaks these words to disciples who are anxious, confused, and afraid of what comes next. “Do not let your hearts be troubled,” he says — not because trouble is imaginary, but because trouble is not ultimate. In his Father’s house there are many dwelling places. There is room enough in God’s life for them, room enough for their fear, room enough for their questions, room enough for their future. This is not only a promise about heaven someday; it is a revelation of God’s abundance now. The household of God is not cramped, anxious, or transactional. It is spacious, generous, and prepared with love.

This matters for stewardship because fear narrows our imagination. When we are troubled, we cling tightly to what we have and wonder whether there will be enough. Jesus invites us into another way: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” Stewardship begins when we trust that Christ is not merely pointing us toward abundance, but drawing us into it. Our resources, relationships, and responses become signs of that roomy grace. We give, serve, welcome, and risk because we already belong to a household where there is enough room, enough love, and enough life for all.

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# Connect With Us

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## Follow Us |

## See Life at Christ Church

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

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