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Pentecost



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Rector's Message

As I look back on this past program year, which is not yet complete, and take stock in all that has transpired, I am filled with awe by the grace our God has showered upon us! This past year has been filled with welcoming strangers, proclaiming the Kingdom of God, developing disciples, feeding the hungry, reaching out to the lost and liberating the oppressed. We have seen children, youth and adults come to faith and grow in grace. We have journeyed with those navigating life-transitions through birth, sickness, loss; all enveloped in the Christian hope. And, we have had our fair share of challenges which, through the grace of God, we have been able to meet and overcome.

It was a good year of programing for learning and serving:

- We ran small groups for adults, vacation Bible school for children, seasonal Catechetical events, Baptism and Marriage preparation programs, and our thrice-yearly Christian basics course (Christianity 101).
- Confirmation preparation began in September and continued through Holy Week with learning about the nature of God, the story of Scripture, the effect of the Sacraments and the mission of the Church. Our children went on field trips, encountered each other, served the poor and marginalized, grew in knowledge and expression.
- We encountered Jesus and lives were changed, relationships restored and hearts renewed. Together we encountered transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit, both individually and as a community. We heeded Christ's call to seek the betterment of our community. We collaborated with our partners here in Brampton (Regeneration, Ste. Louise Outreach and Knight's Table) in jointly serving our city and neighborhood.

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Warm, Friendly, Caring...

Christ Church Anglican is a warm and caring community that has been serving God in Brampton since its inception in 1851. We are fully wheelchair accessible with special parking at the north side of the building and a ramp at the west door on Elizabeth Street. There is an elevator that provides access to the lower church hall. Accessible bathrooms are located on both floors. Ample free street parking is available nearby.



Sunday Services include a Said Eucharist at 7:45 am, a Contemporary Eucharist at 9:00 am, and a Choral Eucharist at 10:45 am. Sunday school classes are available for children from aged 3 to grade 6 at the 9:00 am and 10:45 am services, which also includes a staffed nursery room. We have occasional events for youth and a twice a month program for grades 6 and up.

Baptisms are celebrated at specific dates throughout the year. The church provides preparation for sponsors, godparents, and older candidates. Those interested in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage are welcome to contact the clergy.

Christ Church is active in community outreach, supporting the Knights' Table, Salvation Army's Family Life Centre, Regeneration, Ste. Louise, Our Place Peel and more. We also participate in Caring and Sharing at Christmas.

We have committed lay participation in all aspects of worship, and we have a number of active fellowship groups within the parish.

We hope you are interested by what you read within these pages, decide to learn more about us, and become more involved yourself, with our active and friendly parish community.

Rector's Message (continued)

Thank you to our Children, Youth and Family Pastor, our Music directors, our Parish Administrator and our Honorary Assistants! Special thanks go to our lay leaders: our Church Wardens, members of the Corporation and Advisory Board. Thank you to our ministry captains and their many volunteers: Altar Guild, Property, Eucharistic Lay Assistants, Parish Visitors, Sunday Readers, small group leaders, catering committee, junior and senior Youth Groups, Sunday School, food and personal care ministry, the list goes on. Thank you to all who assisted in caring for others, ministering to the poor, supporting the weak, teaching our children, youth and adults, maintaining our physical assets and doing the myriad of ministrations that serve to build up the body of Christ among us. Christ Church would not be able to accomplish half of that we do without your faithfulness.

This June, after two terrific years of ministry, we will say good-bye to our Youth Pastor Robert Robinson and his family and prepare to welcome our new youth ministry leader. Please pray for discernment for all involved in seeking and selecting this person whom God is preparing for us.

Rector's Message (continued)

This summer will bring with it great opportunities to worship together in one main service. We will welcome many visitors, as we always do, during the summer, and we will be ready for them with engaging children's programming at *Cool Church* and meaningful worship through our Anglican liturgy. Come one, come all... and bring your friends!

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the end of our stewardship focus with the blessing of our pledges for the coming year. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully reflect on your stewardship intention for the coming year and ask what God may be calling you to give to support the mission of Christ's Church here in downtown Brampton.

'For I know what I have planned for you,' says the LORD. 'I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope.' (Jeremiah 29:11)

May each of you have a blessed, safe and hope-filled summer.

-- Byron†



Christ Church Youth Ministries

Youth Ministry**Strength to Strength**

The most important lesson that I have learned while in ministry for the past fifteen years is to simply trust God with everything. I have learned to trust God with my faith, my family, and also my finances. The best part is that I am a witness that God is faithful to His followers.

In 2014, I realized that God was leading me to Christ Church for a specific reason, but didn't know that it was for a short season. Immediately I was embraced by the friendly and welcoming congregation and now two years later, compacted with wonderful memories and new found friends, I am moving on again in hopes of fulfilling the next chapter in my life.

Christ Church will grow from Strength to Strength, God has provided for Christ Church in the past and He will do it again, just put your TRUST in Him. (Inspired by Psalm 84)

There are so many wonderful moments to remember but the Youth Retreat and the Confirmation Class are at the top of the list with many others.



**Christ Church
Youth Ministries**

Confirmation – Class of 2016

On March 26th all eleven of the confirmands concluded their journey at the Easter Vigil. The class embarked on a 26 week journey in September 2015, participating in classes, community service, and church volunteering towards the confirmation of their belief in Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2016:

Chason Engel

Kayla Goodridge

Miles La Foucade

Karen Engel

Jeremy l’Anson Joukema

Giselle La Foucade

Gabrielle French

Robert Jones

Jack Purchase

David Goberdan

Nyashia Knights



The Easter Vigil – Confirmation Ceremony: Saturday, March 26th at 7:00 pm.

Thank You

A special thank you to the ministry volunteers, leaders, and teachers who have contributed to the spiritual education, learning, and nurturing of the children, youth, and families at Christ Church. Your gifting and talents are valuable to the body of Christ and I encourage all of you to continue serving the community and parish.

Thank you to Father Byron, you have been very supportive and encouraging throughout, to everyone who welcomed and embraced our family these past couple years, we have been blessed to serve you and are overwhelmed by the kind words, prayers, and well wishes. We pray that God will abundantly bless and provide for the Family and Youth of Christ Church.

May God Bless You Abundantly!

-- Robert Robinson



Sunday School

During the winter season, the children of Christ Church learned about the birth of Jesus, stories of His early ministry of healing and teaching, and all about Jesus' miracles. In these stories, valuable life changing lessons were realized – the children walked away learning that Jesus' love can change anyone and that He breaks down walls between people but most importantly, anyone who seeks God WILL find Him.

All the CCB teachers did a great job bringing the lessons to life and continue to equip and empower our children in the Word of God. A huge thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants for your dedication and commitment to raising soldiers for God's Army!

This Summer we welcome back *Cool Church* under the leadership of Breanna Sobers and Renee Goodridge. During this time, the children will travel through the books of Joshua to 2 Kings and learn about who God is, what He does and how He matters in their lives.



-- Heather Robinson

Group Updates

Altar Flowers

A wonderful way of remembering our loved ones, who have passed, is to memorialize them with an altar flower donation.

Each Sunday, one or more families donate for the altar flowers in memory of loved ones. The cost is extremely reasonable and I would be happy to discuss dates and flower preferences with anyone interested in becoming part of this memorial ministry.

Please feel free to give me a call and we can discuss your involvement in the Memorial Altar Flower Ministry.

-- Karen Harper

Altar Guild

Pentecost is a quieter time for the Altar Guild as we soon go to 2 services on Sunday for the summer, but we still need many hands to get everything polished and the set-up done for each service.

The Altar Guild consists of 6 teams, with 4 members to a team that work together to prepare the Altar for worship. For those of you wondering if you would like to see what the Altar Guild is all about now is a good time to join this ministry. Each team is on duty for one weekend every six weeks. The time commitment is usually 1 to 2 hours on Saturday morning, preparing for the first service and helping on Sunday morning as we un-set and re-set the Altar for service. If you may be interested please feel free to give me a call or speak to any one of the Altar Guild members.

Respectfully submitted,
-- Phyllis Moffatt - Coordinator

Christ Church Needlers

Christ Church Needlers meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for fellowship and crafting from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We always have lots of different projects that we are working on and can find something to keep all hands busy. Even if you do not think that you are crafty, please join us because we can always use help packaging and pricing things. Starting in September until the Bazaar, we will be meeting every other Wednesday. Please watch the bulletin for the dates.

If there is anyone with new ideas for things that we can make for the Bazaar or would like to help co-ordinate please contact Kathy Newbert or myself.

Our coordinator has moved away. I have been filling in until a new person can be found.

Happy crafting,
-- Phyllis Moffatt

Christmas Tree Bazaar

The long weekend in May is the unofficial beginning of summer for Canadians. Everyone's mind turns to BBQ, holidays, beaches, baseball, etc. Who would be thinking about Christmas, presents, wool scarves and mittens, cookies, etc.?

Well, I can guarantee that the organizers of the Christmas Tree Bazaar are still working on this year's event.

We met at the end of March to disperse the monies from the 2015 Bazaar. Our proceeds from the 2015 Bazaar were as follows: on the day of the Bazaar, the revenue was \$9,837.00 and at the mini-bazaar, we collected another \$1,080, totaling \$10,917. After expenses and a holdback for 2016, we had \$10,000.00 to disperse.

The monies were divided as follows:

1) Cool Church (Sunday School for the summer)	\$1,500.00
2) Vacation Bible School	\$3,000.00
3) Clergy Discretion	\$2,000.00
4) 2 nd Brampton Scouts	\$500.00
5) Church Project (Carpet Replacement)	\$1,000.00
6) Altar Guild [†]	\$2,000.00

Note †: The Altar Guild derives its monies from weddings, but there has not been a wedding at the Church for the last couple of years. Some of the larger linens, such as the Altar clothes, need some repair. Also some of the Christmas decorations are being updated.

Now, we come to 2016 and we are already planning the Bazaar. Craft nights have been running since January and will until the summer and then it will start up again in the fall. If you would like to get involved in one of several community events please contact me or one of the conveners. Do you have any ideas or bazaar projects? Let us know!

Mark your calendar for November 12th to join us for a day of shopping and a light lunch!

-- Kathy Newbert and Pam Neilly

Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, Middle of the road, And back of the church.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

-- Jane Hutton (submitter)

The Courier is 50! Help Needed!

This is the 50th Anniversary of the Christ Church *Courier*. As with all beginnings there are also endings. My first publication was the Advent 2007 edition. The Advent 2016 edition will be my last. That will be my 37th issue of this fine publication.

We are looking for those that are willing to take on the task of publishing this in the future. Please speak up and let me know if that is you!

I have a nice process outlined and will help to make the transition really easy. There is no need to wait until December though, as I am eager to help someone take over this ministry **now!** The only tool you need is Microsoft Word – or another capable work processor. The rest I will guide you from start to finish.

If you are interested in being part of the future of the Courier, please let me know by email, phone or in person. Without you there will not be a *Courier*.

-- Jeffrey White – Editor



Event Photos

Senior Youth Trip to Erin

On April 23rd, a group of our Senior Youth and some adults went into the deep woods of Erin for a day of hiking and singing! There was so much fun had with the singing that they almost ran out of time for others things that day. Here are some pictures from that day.



Congregation Contributions

What's in a Song?

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all the things that I said to you. Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:26-27)



These words have been the anchor for anyone who is familiar with scripture, and ever been afraid. We don't like to admit that sometimes we are afraid. We live in a culture that cut its teeth on rugged individualism. We take pride in pulling ourselves up by our own boot straps. We will manage everything and we don't naturally trust anyone. This is ironic, because even in reading this we can all turn our thoughts to a time when we couldn't manage things and we really needed to trust someone.

When Jesus spoke to his disciples, he was giving them words of comfort. These were hard working fishermen, who were accustomed to the simple life. Why would they be in need of comfort, when they already had it? That is what we ask ourselves in this present time. Life is good; and I have an LG phone that reflects this. The career is going in the right direction. My relationships are strong. My bank account is padded. I am at the top of my game. Why on earth would I be afraid? Why on earth would I need someone to trust in?

Then the winds of change shift and the storm hits.

We usually don't see the storms of life come down upon us. A memorable movie quote says “the greatest storm comes on the slightest breeze”. A seemingly innocuous decision, expected to benefit our circumstance. A choice to go left instead of right. A defiance that says I can do it my way. Sometimes it is the choices and decisions of another that bring the storm down upon us. Life is a series of storms, spattered occasionally by clear skies. Jesus knew this and was warning his friends of the coming storm.

Along with the warning was comfort. Jesus expressed understanding of their fears and promised that he would not leave them alone without support. I will provide the Comforter (myself in another form) and he will bring all the things I taught you to mind. And you will have a peace that can only come from me. I will give you MY PEACE.

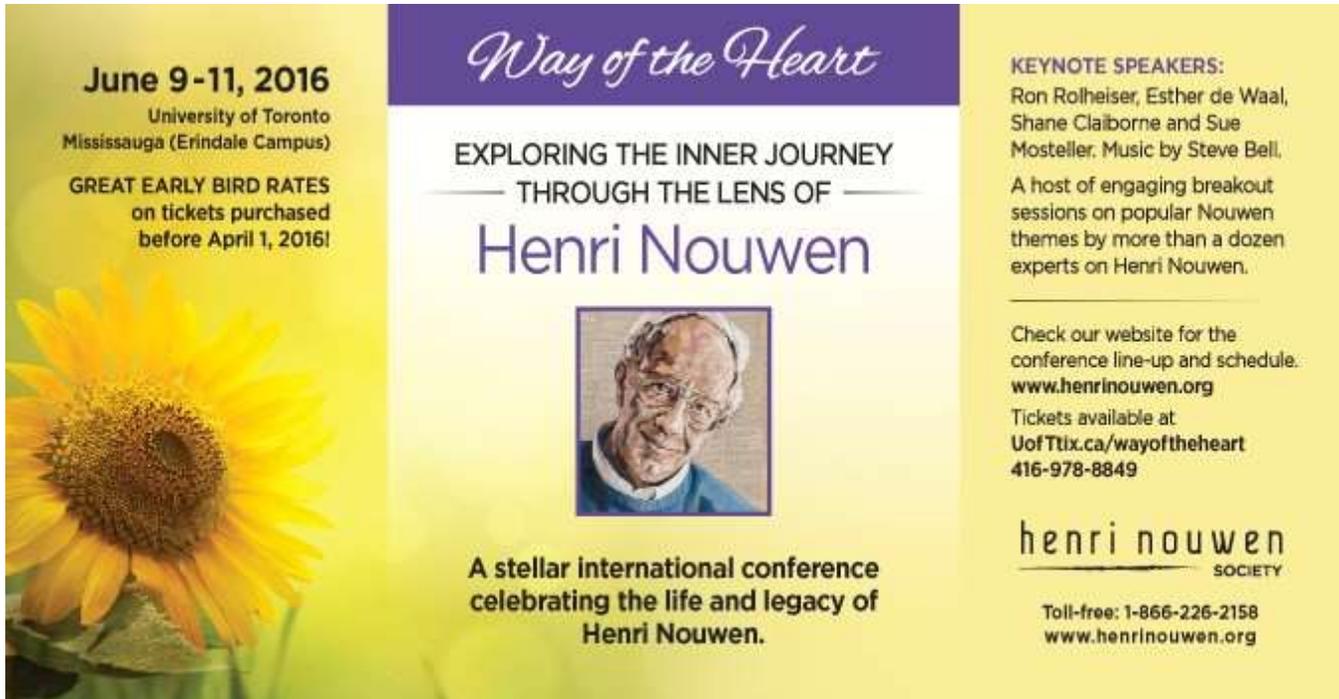
My life is a storm. I struggle with injustice, with anger, with sorrow, with loss. But I have the peace given to me by my God and Father, through my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. I remember all the ways he has lead me, provided for me, loved me and made a place for me. There is no need for my heart to be troubled. All I need to do is remember, and trust.

This is a recurrent theme for me - sometimes it takes us a long time to learn a simple lesson.

My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand; peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

-- Sally Campbell

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When We Teach Only Love (Poem)

Each of us can make a difference
When we teach only love, not fear
When we put an end to indifference and
When we let go of selfish needs

Each of us can make a difference
When we teach only love
When we awaken each day
By showing each other the way

Each of us can make a difference
When we teach only love
When we commit ourselves to have a heart
That beats only with compassion
Where caring for one another becomes
Our only passion

Each of us can make a difference
When we teach only love
When giving, kindness, patience, gratitude
And tenderness are the way that we pray

-- Gerald G. Jampolsky (submitted by Charlene Bickerstaffe)

When Love and Forgiveness become
Our song of the day
Each of us can make a difference
When we teach only love
When everything we think, say, and do
Becomes our gift of love to God

Each of us can make a difference
When we teach only love
When we commit our lives to joy
When we commit our hearts to peace

Each of us can make a difference
When we teach only love

Liturgical Schedule

May 16, 2016 to October 2, 2016

May 15, 2016 – Day of Pentecost

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

May 22, 2016 – Trinity Sunday

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
10:45 AM Choral Eucharist*

* Baptisms

May 29, 2016 – Pentecost 2

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

June 5, 2016 – Pentecost 3

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

June 19, 2016 – Pentecost 5 to

September 4, 2016 – Pentecost 16
8:00 AM Said Eucharist
10:00 AM Eucharist

September 11, 2016 – Pentecost 17

8:00 AM Said Eucharist
10:00 AM Eucharist*
* Rally Sunday and Barbeque

September 18, 2016 – Pentecost 18

8:00 AM Said Eucharist
10:00 AM Eucharist

September 25, 2016 – Pentecost 19

8:00 AM Said Eucharist
10:00 AM Eucharist
* Vestry

* After service

Summer Schedule Starts

June 12, 2016 – Pentecost 4

8:00 AM Said Eucharist
10:00 AM Church Picnic*
10:00 AM Matins

* Picnic and service off-site

Summer Schedule Ends

October 2, 2016 – Harvest Sunday

7:45 AM Said Eucharist
9:00 AM Contemporary Eucharist
10:45 AM Choral Eucharist

Laying on of Hands

Is anyone among you sick? Then they must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick -- James 5:14-15 (NAS)

At Christ Church we offer this anointing on the first Sunday of each month at the time of the Eucharist to any who are struggling with physical or emotional distress. Please take advantage of this beautiful, ancient practice.



Around the Sanctuary

Pentecost Banner

Pentecost was worked by the members of St. Andrew's Fellowship of Prayer. It depicts the symbols of the Holy Spirit, the dove and tongues of fire, and His great gift of Christian love (agape).

August's Banner

Designed by Sue Breen, the deep pink roses were applied onto a cream background by Sue and Chris Breen. It represents the seven stages of a rose, from bud to rose hip. An ancient symbol of love, the rose is associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus. The stages symbolize The Transfiguration of our Lord, which we celebrate this month.

September's Banner

Made by Florence McCracken, a sheaf of grain and bunches of grapes are embroidered on a gold background with the words "All things come of thee".

Parish Registry

Confirmation

March 26, 2016 – Great Vigil

Gabrielle French
Chason Engel
Karen Engel
David Goberdham
Kayla Goodridge
Jeremy l'Anson-Joukema
Robert Jones
Nyashia Knight
Miles LaFoucade
Giselle LaFoucade
Jack Purchase



Funerals & Memorials

March 5, 2016

Evelyn Lily Stoddart born November 2, 1932 died February 29, 2016

March 5, 2016

Theresa Marie Divell born February 9, 1949 died February 26, 2016

April 23, 2016

Anne Pingyin born December 24, 1935 died March 24, 2016

April 28, 2016

William Ian Fraser born September 24, 1940 died April 23, 2016

April 29, 2016

Barry John Clarke born July 11, 1944 died April 23, 2016



Courier Contributions Request

We print general items submitted from members of the congregation. These items are welcomed and will be used as space and relevance allows. If you feel a calling to do this, please do not hesitate to submit it.

We would also like to see more group updates from around the Parish. In a given year, references to many groups are only made in the annual Vestry Report. Some groups only appear in the bulletin once in a while when they are organizing an event.

Please reflect on your group's ability to add one or two items a year to *The Courier*. It would be even better if you could submit information for all four editions in a year so we can all keep up to date on the various groups available to us in our Parish.

Quotations

Do you have a favourite quotation of a religious or spiritual nature? If you would like to see it in *The Courier*, please send it to us. Please be sure to quote the source.

The Courier Schedule

There are four editions of *The Courier* published every year. Due to the publishing dates being tied to four major church events the exact publishing dates move every year. If you have any doubt about the publishing dates or submission deadlines, please use the following as a guide.

Number	Edition	Publication	Submission Deadline
1	Lent	First Sunday of Lent	2 weeks prior to publication
2	Pentecost	First Sunday of Pentecost	2 weeks prior to publication
3	Harvest	Harvest Sunday	2 weeks prior to publication
4	Advent	First Sunday of Advent	2 weeks prior to publication

As you can likely tell, there is a very simple formula to our dates. In the past some of these have moved around a week or two. If this should change for any reason, then ample notice will be provided.

The submission deadline for inclusion in the next edition is September 18, 2016
The Pentecost edition of *The Courier* will be published on October 2, 2016.

Our Corner of the Internet

www.ChristChurchBrampton.ca

This is just a reminder that our parish web site contains news, photos, upcoming event announcements, and other information. You can even re-read this and some previous issues of *The Courier in colour* at the website.

Visit ChristChurchBrampton.ca for more information. If you would like to post an announcement for your group or other event, write to:
web@ChristChurchBrampton.ca



Submissions, comments and suggestions are always welcome.

General Church Information

Weekly Services

Sunday: (Laying on of Hands - first Sunday monthly at all services)
 7:45 am Said Eucharist
 9:00 am Contemporary Eucharist
 10:45 am Choral Eucharist (Choral Matins on occasion)

Monthly Services

Peel Manor First Wednesday at 10:30 am
 Woodhall Park Second Wednesday at 10:30 am
 Greenway Fourth Thursday 10:30 am

Summer Services

Sunday:
 8:00 am Said Eucharist
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

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