5th Sunday in Easter |April 28, 2024



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

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Today's Readings

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

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.

Upcoming at Christ Church

- 🕸 Monday, April 29, 2024
 - 2nd Brampton Cubs @ 7:00 pm Auditorium
- Tuesday, April 30, 2024
 - 2nd Brampton Scouts @ 7:00 pm Auditorium
- 👁 Wednesday, May 1, 2024
 - Worship Collective Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm
- ✤ Thursday, May 2, 2024
 - 2nd Brampton Beavers @ 5:45 pm Auditorium
 - Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 pm
- ✤ Friday, May 3, 2024
 - Funeral Service for Harold Murphy @ 11:00 am
- 🕸 Sunday, May 5, 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 10:44-481 🕈 John 5:1-6 🕈 John 16:9-17

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R.I.P. Harold Murphy

Dear Father of Sherrill Murphy died April 22, 2024, in his 88^{th} year. Visitation will be at Ward Funeral Home Thursday, May 2 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm followed by a funeral at Christ Church on Friday, May 3 at 11:00 am.

Liturgy & Worship

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 | 1st 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 1st Sunday in Lent, we re-introduced this into our Sunday morning worship. Now our parish family to 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.



Outreach | International Christian Voice

Welcome to Canada! What a heart-warming story from our local ministry partner, International Christian Voice (<u>https://icvcanada.org</u>) and two families bonded together in friendship, refugee experience & support.



International Christian Voice (ICV) welcomed refugee family Sarfraz Yousaf, his wife Miriam and their three children to Canada upon their arrival at Toronto International airport this morning. Co- sponsors John and Shamim Rohail joyfully received the family and presented the newcomers with a floral bouquet. The two families have known each other for over 30 years and also spent time together in exile in Thailand.

The Yousaf family had spent more than 10 years in Thailand as refugees before being sponsored by ICV.

We wish Sarfraz and his family every success in their new life in Canada.

International Christian Voice (Apr 25/26) Sourced: <u>https://www.facebook.com/icvcanada</u>

Interim Priest-in-Charge The Rev. Dr. Arthur Boers



Last Sunday (April 21), we welcomed The Rev. Dr. Arthur Boers as our Interim Priest-in-Charge. How wonderful it is to have him among us and that he arrived on Good Shepherd Sunday. Fr. Arthur will be with us on a part-time basis. You will very often be able to catch him in the office on Thursdays or Sundays following worship. That said, he will be available for pastoral emergencies via the main office contacts:

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Email: christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca

Fr. Arthur Boers (www.arthurboers.com) has pastored in urban, suburban, rural, and inner city settings in Ontario and the Midwest and has walked the Camino de Santiago in Spain and the Bruce Trail in Ontario. He also taught at several seminaries. A priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, he is a Benedictine oblate. In the last thirty years, he authored or edited a dozen books addressing the intersection of faithfulness and daily life. His award-winning books include *The Way is Made by Walking: A Pilgrimage Along the Camino de Santiago, Never Call Them Jerks: Healthy Responses to Difficult Behavior,* and *Living into Focus: Choosing What Matters in an Age of Distractions*. His most recent book is <u>Shattered: A Son Picks Up the Pieces of his Father's Rage</u>, a sensitive and penetrating reflection on coming of age in a Dutch immigrant family scarred by violence.

Sourced: St. Paul L'Amoreaux Website https://stpl.ca/2023-parish-mission.html

Summer Student | Sarah White



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.

Music Notes

The Rev. Susanne McKim, who was our guest preacher and presider on April 14th will welcome you to Sunday Blues Jam.

The Blues Jam happens most Sundays from noon to 4:00 pm at The Rockpile, 5555a Dundas Street West in Mississauga (just east of Cloverdale Mall on the south side). There's no cover charge, and after the house band plays a few songs, guests are invited to participate. If you sing, bring your voice. If you drum, bring your sticks. If you play, bring your guitar or blues harp or bass and just plug in. There's a complete P.A. Sound System all set up for us, which includes a full set of drums.

The Rockpile is set far back from the street - there's an old sign and plenty of free parking. There's food and drinks - you can come after church and have your lunch there - and it's a family venue. Your children and grandchildren are welcome.

If you feel like coming, give the Rockpile a call at 416-464-7614 to make sure the Blues Jam is still on. It's on most Sundays, but occasionally it is rented for events. Or text Rev. Susanne at 647-226-4519 if you want to come when I'm showing up. We'd love to see you there!

More Music Notes

Makayla Sam, daughter of Stanley & Adjoa Sam (you will know Stanley as one of our regular Sunday morning Greeters), is offering online piano lessons. She is certified through the Royal Conservatory of Music and has been teaching for 5 years. She currently has students from beginner to advanced levels. Makayla can be reached at 647-839-0363.



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 several ways to give:

- 1. Envelope Sets are available by contacting the parish office.
- 2. <u>Pre-Authorized Remittance ("PAR")</u> is a monthly amount withdrawn from your bank account.
- 3. <u>E-Transfers</u> via the Interac system. Email address is: <u>christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca</u>

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

Don't Miss Out | Follow Us





- ✤ 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:

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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	 Located on the northeast corner of Queen and
118 Queen St. W.	Mill Street.
Brampton Go	 Located on the northeast corner of Elizabeth
NEW	and Nelson

<u>Please do not park</u> at the Sterling Dental lots as they require spots on Sunday for their clients.