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**Hymn**

for Sunday Worship (Sep. 13)

Panis Angelicus by César Franck (1822-1890), Soprano: Peggy Cardwell

Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum	The Bread of Angels becomes Bread of men;
Dat panis coelicus figures terminum.	the heavenly Bread puts an end to figures.
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum,	O thing most wonderful!
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis,	the poor and humble servant eats the Lord.

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**Join us on Sunday ...**

Anglican Diocese of Niagara  
 Check out Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan at 2:00 pm:  
<https://www.facebook.com/niagaraanglican/>

(Remember, you don't have to be a Facebook user to access the diocesan Facebook page.)  
If you missed last week's Prayers, or other prior weeks, they are all recorded there for you to "attend".

St. Christopher's, Burlington

"Church & Chat" from St. Christopher's on Sunday morning begins with us gathering as a virtual community on Zoom at 10:45 am. Our Church Worship starts at 11:00 am, which is followed by Chat Time (talking amongst ourselves). All who come enjoy being together, so why not join us this week by contacting Andy Elmhirst, Music Director, at [staff@stcb.ca](mailto:staff@stcb.ca) and receive an invitation by email on Saturday night. (If you require assistance in setting up Zoom, please let Andy know in advance.)

Print out the Sunday service (from Tuesday's eblast), to fully participate in the worship time. It will also be included in the Saturday evening Zoom invitation.

Break out rooms have become a part of our Sunday morning time together so, following our time of worship at 11:00 am, we will move into groups of less than 10 people for 10 minutes. We will then come back together before our final blessing and dismissal. Enjoy this time and get to know one another a little better!

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**Prayer for a New Rector**

*(Use this prayer often)*

Loving God, give of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace and love.  
Guide those who shall choose a Rector for St. Christopher's.  
We ask that we may receive a faithful servant  
Who will care for us your people and support us in our various ministries,  
Both in our parish and throughout the wider community.  
We pray this in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

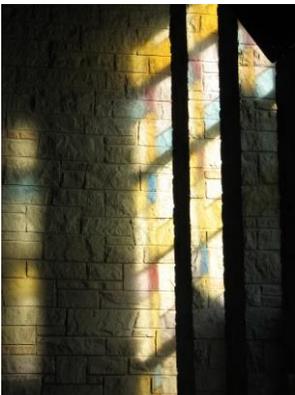
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**Parochial Committee and Meeting with the Bishop**

The posting for Rector of St. Christopher's is now closed. A meeting will be held later in September with the Bishop and the Parochial Committee to review potential candidates. Please pray for wisdom and discernment over all involved in the decision making process.

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**Re-Opening for Worship at St. Christopher's**



We have now submitted our parish re-opening plan to Jeff Ward, our regional dean in the Anglican Diocese of Niagara. After this first level of scrutiny, if approved, the document will move to the archdeacon and then to the bishop's office before we receive final approval to re-open for worship once again. Each week we will include things for you to expect to encounter at St. Christopher's for in-person worship. Adequate knowledge, commitment to high standards and a good measure of patience will be required by all, as we value and keep, the safety of each and every one, foremost in our minds during these days.

- Hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol content) has been placed at all entrances, exits and various other places throughout the building. The church building will be sanitized prior to your arrival and following. (You may wish to carry your own bottle of hand sanitizer, for your convenience.)
- Training for worship staff and volunteers (greeters/facilitators) will be happening in the next few weeks, on site and virtually.
- Pre-registration will be required for all in-person worship. Parishioners will do this by going online to Eventbrite (no cost involved) OR by calling the office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, in the week leading up to Sunday's worship. People in the same bubble are strongly encouraged to attend worship together, when more than one service is offered. Registration for in-person worship requires name, phone number, email address and mailing address.
- Arrival on Sunday morning should be 15-20 minutes in advance of the service time ie. 8:45 am for a 9:00 am service. Please enter through the north doors only. Greeters/facilitators will lead those in attendance through all building protocols and movement.
- Attendees will be checked in on arrival (outside), screened and contact tracing information confirmed in the reception area. Temperatures will be taken by a greeter for in-person worship. They will then be asked to use hand sanitizer before picking up a bulletin and being directed to a seat in the Nave.
- Masks are mandatory for all attending in-person worship and must be worn at all times, while in the church building or on church property (including the parking lot). If one arrives at the north door of the church and is not wearing a mask, they will be supplied with one and asked to put it on immediately. If they are not willing to wear it, they will be asked to leave (except for mask exemptions, as listed under Halton bylaw #47-20).
- Floor markings will be used in the Reception area, Narthex and Nave to ensure a safe physical distancing at all times.

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**Jazz Vespers – Words/Music/Prayers**



Our third virtual Jazz Vespers is coming to St. Christopher’s on Sunday, September 20 at 4:00 pm.

Guest Musicians include: Daniel Cunningham Bass  
Kevin Mak Piano  
Tommy-Lee Metcalfe Drums

Readings & Prayers: Rev. Hollis Hiscock, Rev. Jon Forbes

This month we will also be featuring another artist, with great excitement. We will leave this information as a surprise for all who attend!

Please register your desire to attend the Zoom venue at [staff@stcb.ca](mailto:staff@stcb.ca) by Saturday, September 19 at noon. Also, we encourage you to attend together, if you are in the same household, allowing us to maximize the number of attendees.

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**Open Doors Update**

*Hello,*

*I just wanted to say thank you for helping my kids with the back packs and gift card. It was much appreciated. I lost my job and things are extremely tight financially. It’s nice to know that churches and community support is out there at this difficult time.*

*God bless,*

*Alana*



The back pack program this year was a tremendous effort between several agencies in Burlington, dozens and dozens of volunteer hours and the generosity of many donors. **We are still accepting requests until the 18th of September** and are currently at approximately 350 distributed! Partnering agencies were: Food 4 Kids Halton, with a back pack drive and a direct connection to the children they serve in Burlington, as well as Compassion Society for their back pack supplies, donors and volunteer help. Burlington Foodbank, Burlington Rotary North, Partnering Aldershot and Wellington Square were all major supporters through supplies and funds. We had the absolute pleasure of working with Burlington Together on this initiative; they helped lead the charge and rally the troops in Burlington through their many social connections.

This was also the first program since March, where we had guests come to the Church property. It was all done in the parking lot and was contactless, keeping everyone safe. The best part was seeing the familiar faces from our community and the big toothy grins from all the kids getting their new back packs stuffed with lunch boxes, water bottles, masks, hand sanitizer and school supplies.

Thank you to all who came by to drop off a packed bag or who made a monetary donation - it is greatly appreciated!

Christina Mulder, Director of Open Doors Programs and Partnerships

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**Christmas Market**

By now many of us are much more skilled at online shopping and so we are offering an online Christmas Market this year! While not all of our usual areas and items will be on offer, we are doing our best to carry a good variety of items. The goal is to have an online store open for one week in November. Items will be photographed, given an ID number and price, and added to the store which is attached to the church website. The customer will choose items, add to their cart, pay with credit card, and choose a pick-up time slot. Many details are still being worked out and once there is a clear plan, you will be notified of timelines and what items are acceptable for donation. Many crafters have been hard at work as usual. Thank you for your patience and support as we prepare to enjoy this new Market experience together!

*Trudy Johnson*

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**Donation Opportunities**

If you would like to donate to St. Christopher’s, there are several options:

- 1) Mail us a cheque (we are bringing in the mail each weekday). Please never mail cash.
- 2) Go to [stcb.ca](http://stcb.ca) and choose “Donate” (top right). Options there include:
  - a) Regular offerings by pre-authorized payment from your bank account or by Visa.
  - b) Special gifts, such as memorials or gifts to be directed to a particular ministry, by Visa or Mastercard. Be sure to specify where your gift should be credited.
- 3) E-transfer from your bank account to this email address: [acctg@stcb.ca](mailto:acctg@stcb.ca)
- 4) Phone the church and leave a message for staff to call you back – we can receive your credit card information over the phone and process the transaction.

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**Contacting the Church**

Pastoral Emergency

Our staff are working mostly from home during this time so there is more limited access to the telephone messages. However, if you have experienced a pastoral emergency such as a death, sudden illness or personal crisis, our clergy may be reached at 289.925.8725.

Leaving a General Message

If you would like to call the church at 905.634.1809, please leave a message in the general mailbox #5 or send an email to [staff@stcb.ca](mailto:staff@stcb.ca) and a staff member will respond, as soon as possible.

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*If you no longer wish to receive emails from St. Christopher’s, please reply to this email with “unsubscribe” in the subject line.*