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Join us on Sunday ...



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 a Chat Time (talking amongst ourselves). All who come enjoy being together, so why not join us this week? (If you require assistance in setting up Zoom, please call the church office in advance of Sunday morning at 905.634.1809.)

Click the FEBRUARY link below to enter the Zoom room at 10:45 am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85379991699?pwd=NE80Vyt5aXJ0dmN3WVRoUTArNmFMdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7999 1699

Passcode: 767348

Telephone:

1.647.558.0588 (*long distance charges may apply*)

From now on, please go to stcb.ca and look under Recent News “Learn More” for the latest Eblast; here you will find the active link to Sunday Church & Chat. Meeting ID and Password are shown here too, if you access via “zoom.us”. Meeting links will change monthly. (*You will no longer receive an email on Saturdays nights with the Zoom link.*)

This Sunday, February 21, in place of the usual “chat” portion of our Church and Chat, we will have a Practice Vestry. It won’t be long and formal - we don’t need to practice that part of our meeting! But it will be helpful to go over the procedures we will be using to enable members to speak to motions. And it will be useful to practice voting in a virtual setting. If two or more people in your household normally connect to church through a single Zoom account, this will be an opportunity to practice connecting on separate devices. Please plan to join us on Sunday!

For the accompanying Sunday bulletin please see: [Feb 21 21 bulletin](#).

Where do I find?...

The Messenger

Please enjoy perusing interesting articles at: [February Messenger.pdf](#)

St. Christopher’s YouTube Channel

Please check our YouTube channel if you missed any of our previous worship services at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/stchris2011>

Jazz Vespers

Plan to attend this Sunday, February 21 at **4 pm** on Zoom.

2020 Vestry Report

may be found at: [69th Vestry Report](#)

The *Financial Report* will be available early next week.

Lenten Series – Revive



We welcome you to join our clergy for a series of six sessions through Lent on devotional practices, with discussion, for those who wish to grow their intimacy with God. Please register at staff@stcb.ca with your **name** and your choice of **day** and **time**. Registration for these sessions will **close** Sunday, Feb. 21.

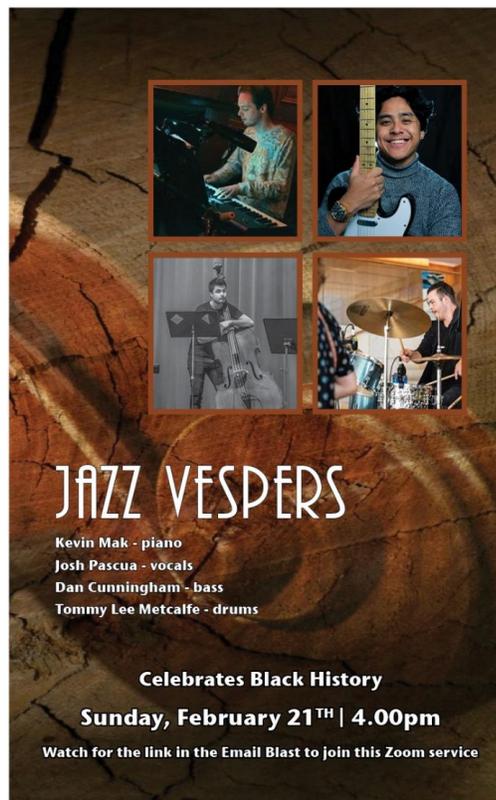
Tuesdays at 10 am

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Thursdays at 7 pm

Fridays at 1 pm

Jazz Vespers in February



Plan to enjoy Jazz Vespers virtually on Zoom this **Sunday, February 21** at 4 pm. The music selections will celebrate Black History with artists Daniel Cunningham, Kevin Mak and Tommy Lee Metcalfe. Special guest vocalist is Josh Pascua. To attend use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85379991699?pwd=NE80Vyt5aXJ0dmN3WVRoUTArNmFMdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7999 1699

Passcode: 767348

2021 Annual Congregational Meeting

Please mark your calendars now for Sunday, February 28, following Church & Chat. This year the meeting will be held *virtually* on Zoom.

Because of the challenges and limitations of running our Annual Congregational Meeting online, we will not be accepting new motions from the floor. If you do have business you wish to bring to Vestry, the deadline for submitting a notice of motion is this Sunday, February 21. Please direct your proposed motions to Canon Penny: penny@stcb.ca.

The chair of our Nominating Committee, Carrie Ford-Jones, is now accepting nominations for roles such as Deputy Warden, Lay Delegate to Diocesan Synod, and Member of Parish Council. Our procedures allow you to nominate yourself, or another member of our congregation. Please contact Carrie with your nominations **by Sunday, February 21st** at: 905.634.1809 or staff@stcb.ca.

Please take time to read the [69th Vestry Report](#) prior to the meeting.

A special eblast will be sent on **Monday, February 22** with your link to *preregister* for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Financial Report for 2020

The Financial Report will be ready early in the week of February 22. Watch for Tuesday's eblast with coordinates to view this report on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy, please call the church office at 905.634.1809 to arrange for pickup. If you wish to discuss this report in more detail, please come to a Zoom meeting on **Thursday, February 25** at 7 pm using:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84285347495?pwd=ZU5aZkQ0clJsNXBOUEpzWmdVd3lZQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 8534 7495

Passcode: 370226

Open Doors Update

Coldest Night of the Year



Toque Pick up

On February 19th from 11 am - 1 pm and Saturday February 20th from 12 pm - 2pm, please drive-thru at the North Doors for your pick up.

Let's Do This!

We are heading into our 2021 Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser and are on par with funds raised over last year. However, this is no time to rest, but rather time to give it your final push for sponsorship! Follow up on emails not returned, pick up the phone and let someone know what you are about to embark on! It will be one of the coldest days we have seen on CNOY. Post your link on all your social media outlets! Let's do this St. Christopher's! Let's show the community that not even a pandemic can stop us in our undying compassion and commitment to them!

At approximately 4pm on Saturday I invite you to tune into www.stcb.ca, St. Christopher's You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/stchris2011> or Open Doors Facebook page, and watch your unique 2021 virtual send off! You may have chosen to walk earlier in the day, or maybe you will wait to have this message sent out. Either way, I hope you are able to receive this message and know how proud I am of all of you who worked so hard to get us to where we are.

Stay safe, it's cold out there!

Thursday Morning Prayers with Michael



Please join Michael for **Thursday Morning Prayers at 9 am**. The session lasts around 20 minutes, includes prayers and Bible readings, and is a wonderful way to start the day! We stay afterward to chat for a short time. If you would like assistance with entering or calling in to the Zoom room, please call the church office at 905.634.1809. Please use the following link and go directly to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86827999118?pwd=ZVNWUUQ5T1FFOFRFaVArcWtnVkpBUT09>

OR

go to www.zoom.us and enter the meeting ID and password (or phone number):

Meeting ID: 868 2799 9118

Passcode: 633532

1.647.558.0588 (*long distance charges may apply*)

You are not Alone



A virtual evening of prayer and conversation, for those who have lost loved ones. Wednesday, March 17 at 7 pm, hosted by Rev. Michael Coren. Watch for meeting details soon.

Need a Hand to Prepare your Tax Return?

Volunteers can help you prepare your income tax and benefit return if you have modest income and a simple tax situation. Please call **289.427.0267**, listen carefully to the message and leave your name and number. Volunteers will complete your return over the phone. This service is available March 1 to April 30.

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 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
- 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.

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 and a staff member will respond, as soon as possible.

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