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**August 20, 2021**

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## Join us on Sunday ...

### **To attend In-Person Sunday Worship at 9 am:**

Pre-register [here](#) for Eventbrite.

### **To watch the Live Stream of the Sunday 9 am service on YouTube:**

You can connect to the service on Sunday morning by clicking [here](#), then click on the video dated **Sunday, August 22th, 2021**.

### **To attend Zoom Chat time following the service (starting at 10 am):**

#### [August 2021 Chat](#)

Meeting ID: 820 5062 4555

Passcode: 383965

1.647.558.0588 (*long distance charges may apply*)

Please use the [August 22 21 Bulletin](#) as a guide for worship.

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## St. Christopher's YouTube Channel

Visit our YouTube channel for past or current worship services and other videos at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/stchris2011> or "St Christophers Anglican Church YouTube"

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## In-Person Worship at St. Christopher's



We are pleased to have resumed in-person worship on **Sundays at 9 am**. We will also livestream this service on YouTube. A recording will be available on our YouTube channel for later viewing (you can also watch previous services and our other videos there). A Chat time on Zoom will follow the service. For now, we are capping attendance to 50 people. Here are several things to note:

- Suggested arrival time on Sunday morning is 8:45 am, through the North Doors. Greeters will welcome you and direct you to your seat in the sanctuary. Please read the inside front cover of your bulletin for all of the building protocols.
- Pre-registration on Eventbrite is required. Attendees will be checked in on arrival (outside), screened and have their temperature taken in the reception area. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building. The greeter will meet each person at the door to the Nave and guide them to their seats. (a two chair distance must be maintained between households.)
- Masks are mandatory and must be worn at all times on church property.
- Floor markings will be used in the Reception area, the Narthex and the Nave to ensure a safe physical distance at all times.
- Please note that this service is live streamed on YouTube. If you don't wish to be seen on camera, please speak with the greeter prior to seating.

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## Celebration of Life – Hugh Douglas Haney



Link for Hugh's celebration on Monday, August 23: <https://youtu.be/k0JwCKFxqs>

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## PWRDF Indigenous Grants

FOR 25 YEARS, PWRDF has supported and accompanied Indigenous organizations in Canada working to reclaim their language and culture, to improve community health with clean water and safe birth, to support economic opportunities and to engage youth. This year we have launched a new grant to fund Indigenous groups working in these four areas:

- Community Health
- Climate Action
- Empowering Youth
- Safe Water

Grants of \$5,000 to \$15,000 be awarded to Indigenous groups who meet the criteria. You are invited to support these responsive grants by donating to our Indigenous programs, and by encouraging Indigenous-led registered charities to apply. For more information see:

<https://pwrdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Indigenous-Responsive-Programs.pdf>

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## Contemplative Prayer Group

## TUESDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

This group meets every Tuesday morning at 8 am. Contemplative prayer is centered on silence. Leadership is exchanged each week. Rev. Michael is the host.

The format includes a reading or prayer at the beginning 10 minutes of silence, a concluding prayer or comment, discussion and sharing. This is a wonderful way to begin the day!



Please join the group here:

[Tuesday Morning Contemplative Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 810 0989 4357

Passcode: 424227

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## Thursday Morning Prayer with Michael



Join us each Thursday morning with Michael Coren, our Pastoral Associate. This time of prayers and Bible readings lasts for about 20 minutes, and is a wonderful way to start the day! Michael will share on screen all that is necessary to participate. We stay to chat afterwards for a short while.

*(Please note that the prayer time on Thursday, August 26 is cancelled.)*

[Thursday Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 844 6197 0765

Passcode: 705235

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## Volunteer Opportunity



We're rebooting our services for people living in retirement homes – there are several in the area. We have some dedicated volunteers but do need more. As one of them says, it's an "opportunity to brighten up the day, and provide spiritual care for those living in retirement homes and long term care homes. St. Christopher's has ecumenical church services for residents that includes fellowship, prayers, hymns and friendly visiting. You will get to know the residents and extend outreach and meaningful worship into our community." If you are interested, please contact Rev. Michael Coren at [mcoren@stcb.ca](mailto:mcoren@stcb.ca).

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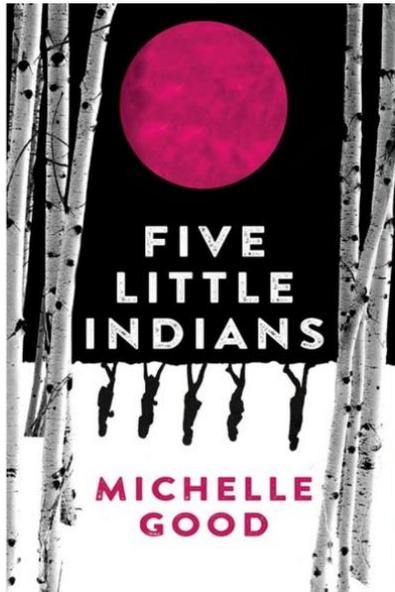
## You are not Alone

A graphic with a black background. At the top, the text "You are not alone" is written in a white, cursive font. Below this, in a smaller white font, is the text: "Join us once per month for a virtual evening of prayer, scripture and conversation, as we remember those we have lost. The next opportunity to gather will be Tuesday, September 7 at 7 pm, hosted by Rev. Michael Coren. Details to connect will be found in a later eblast." At the bottom left, it says "All are welcome." On the right side, there is a photograph of three lit candles in glass holders, casting a warm glow.

The Zoom link to connect will be in a later eblast as the date draws nearer.  
All are welcome.

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## Weekly Book Review



**Five Little Indians**

*By Michelle Good*

*HarperCollins, 2020*

Our brains respond far more passionately to individual stories than to overall statistics. That's why Michelle Good's award-winning novel "Five Little Indians" grips readers so powerfully. Each of her characters is fictional, but also a composite reflection of children's real experiences and the impact on their adult lives. For me, the hardest story to read was that of Maisie, whose trauma leads her to seek abusive scenarios again and again in a desperate hunt for a different outcome.

Kenny flounders as he works through years of learned helplessness and family estrangement. Lily dies in young childhood and is buried in an unmarked grave. Clara finds her way to advocacy, traditional healing practices, and the return of Lily's body to her traditional territory. Howie pays the price of exacting violent revenge on his abuser, yet finds his voice and some measure of justice. Lucy manages to study nursing despite the competing demands of supporting troubled friends. Michelle Good brings their interwoven stories to vivid life against the complex tapestry of Vancouver's Lower East Side.

This novel speaks to us all on behalf of those who are still unable. As Clara says, "Our childhood memories are about murder and mayhem. How many others can't bear their own thoughts? They [in other words, 'we'] need to hear the truth." Indeed, understanding and accepting the truth is a vital first step towards reconciliation.

Be sure to check out the full list of books and other Truth and Reconciliation resources on our website. You will find it [here](#).

*Janet Gadeski*

Congratulations to Allison & Rachel Courey on the birth of their daughter Fern on August 2!  
<https://niagaraanglican.ca/news/people-in-the-news>

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## Open Doors Update

### Fall Event

Save the date Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for an online Fall Event featuring fun, fellowship and more!  
Watch this space for more details as the date draws closer.

### Community Garden

The garden is thriving and our summer students and volunteers have been busy harvesting food for meals and for community members to take home. This past week we celebrated 340 lbs harvested!! Our goal is 1,000 lbs this year and we believe we are well on our way to attaining it. Currently we are in need of volunteers to help weed the pathways and move some mulch into the space. If you are free for a couple of hours early morning (any later is too hot), please contact [summerinter@stcb.ca](mailto:summerinter@stcb.ca) to arrange a time to participate.



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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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