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Week of December 24, 2023

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Sherri-Ann McGurk	Chris Bothwell
Cecilia Price	Robert Stephen
Evalina Price	David Lythgoe
Lucy Dermentjian	Katelyn Reszitaryk
Susan Danio	

Anniversaries this week

Chris & Jilann Byrnes 35


Regular Sunday Service times resume on December 31...

8.00am 9.30am 11.30am

Grannie's Place is available during the 9.30am service for children 0-3 yrs.

Join Carrie Ford-Jones and the team for G.I.F.T. - programming for children ages 4 and up. Don't miss the fun!

These programs will be paused on December 24 and 31.

The service may be found on YouTube  for those unable to be present. See the Sunday bulletin at stcb.ca under Recent News.

Thursdays Mornings

Faith Formation Study	10.30am
Morning Eucharist	11.30am
Lunch	12.00pm

This programming will be paused on Dec. 21, 28 and Jan. 4.

What's Happening this Winter for Kids?

Sunday Mornings 9.30am

- **G.I.F.T.** 4+ years
- **Grannie's Place** 0-3 years
- **Youth Group** 11+ yrs

Jan 14	Off-Site Youth Field Trip
Jan 28	Pizza and Planning-CNOY

This programming will be paused on December 24 and 31.

Robbie Burns Live! Coffee House & Potluck

Please save the date - Friday, January 26 - for this exciting event, hosted by MAP.

Ginger Group

Please mark your calendars for the next event - Monday, February 12 at 11.30am Keep connected to learn more information about the speaker for this day. For more information, or to confirm your attendance contact Winston or John at staff@stcb.ca. Cost is \$10 for lunch, good company and interesting information. This group is 55+ and all are welcome.

Dear Friends,

Jesus' big day is almost here!

Many, many people have been preparing for our services this weekend. Thank you - I can't wait to see you, your friends, and your family at Christmas! So you have all the information you need to make your invitations to the people who are coming with you to church, here are some details about the upcoming services:

December 24 at 9am

Choral Eucharist for Advent 4
no children's programs

December 24 at 4pm

Christmas Pageant
and All Ages Eucharist

December 24 at 6pm

Less formal Eucharist
with The Band

December 24 at 8pm

Choral Eucharist
with carol sing at 7.40pm

December 25 at 9am

Said Eucharist
with Christmas Carols

Please note, the church office will close at noon on December 22nd, and reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. We will be bringing in the mail regularly. Rev. David Montgomery will be on call for urgent pastoral concerns. December 31st is the last day we will receive donations to be included in charitable tax receipts for 2023.

With growing anticipation,

Next Eblast

The next eblast will publish on Friday, January 5, 2024.

**For confidentiality reasons
the prayer list does not
appear online.**

Name Tags

If you recently requested a name tag or are relatively new to the parish, please check for your name at the welcome table. If you have never asked for a name tag please send a note of request to staff@stcb.ca

Name Tag Sunday - January 7

Jazz Vespers

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 21 at 4.00pm for the next event with Rev. Jim Sandilands and friends.

Church Office

In the event of a pastoral emergency, our clergy may be reached at 289.427.0623. For information about St. Christopher's or Open Doors call 905.634.1809.

Please note that the office will be closed from December 23 - January 1, 2024.

What's Coming Up?

Dec. 25	Christmas Day.....	9.00am
Dec. 26-Dec 30	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Dec. 31	Sunday Services.....	8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am
Jan. 2	<i>Church Office re-opens</i>	9.00am
Jan. 3	Fit for Service	9.30am
Jan. 5	Fit for Service	9.30am
Jan. 8	Fit for Service	9.30am
	Bridge	2.00pm
Jan. 9	Seniors' Social	1.00pm
	Open Doors Programming	3.00pm
Jan. 10	Fit for Service	9.30am
	Watercolours & Wine.....	12.00pm
Jan. 11	Faith Formation Study	10.30am
	Worship	11.30am
	Lunch.....	12.00pm

2023 Donations

The last day for receiving 2023 donations is Sunday, December 31. Tax receipts will be prepared in mid February 2024.

Vestry Meeting - Save the Date

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 24**. Save the date! In order to help us prepare, would you kindly submit your reports to the church office by **Monday, January 15**.

At our Vestry meeting in February 2024...

we will be electing Lay Representatives to Synod and Parish Council Members at Large. If you think you might be interested in serving in any of these roles, job descriptions are available in the office. For more information, please talk to one of the Wardens, a member of Parish Council or the Rector.

Church Giving Envelopes

If you regularly use church envelopes, please pickup your box for 2024 in the Narthex for a few weeks.

Anglican Church Calendars 2024

If you didn't preorder a calendar and would like one or more, please contact the church office. If we have orders for 10 or more, another order will be placed. The cost per copy is \$5.00.

Book Trolley

Did you know that St. Christopher's has books to borrow? Popular titles and easy-read soft/hard covers may be found in the Quiet Room (beside Grannie's Place and across from the kitchen back door) any Sunday morning. Notice the donation box on the trolley (recommended \$2/book for 3 weeks). Also, you are most welcome to donate tasteful titles of books you have enjoyed.

Donation Opportunities

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

- 1 Mail us a cheque. *Please never mail cash.*
- 2 Go to www.stcb.ca and choose "Donate" (top right). Options 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 directed/credited.*
- 3 E-transfer from your bank account to this email address: acctg@stcb.ca (no password required).

You are not Alone

The next gathering of this group will be **Wed. January 24 at 7.00pm**. This is a hybrid meeting and lead by Rev. David.

Mental Health Care Partners' Support Group

Our next meeting is **Monday, January 22** with Rev. David at 7pm on Zoom or in-person. Please contact staff@stcb.ca or call 905.634.1809 for link connections.

Watercolours & Wine

Join acclaimed artist Cheryl Goldring on **Wednesday, January 10** at noon for an afternoon of watercolour painting. If you have never painted before, you will be genuinely surprised at what you can accomplish, among friends! If you have been before, you are welcome again. Cost is \$35 and all materials will be provided. Please register at staff@stcb.ca.

Bridge Group

Our group of 16+ is now meeting in the Narthex with coffee and conversation included. The next gathering is **Monday, January 8 at 2pm**. All are welcome - the experienced and you who have never played bridge before!

Seniors' Social

Tricia Clarke and this warm and spicy group of seniors meets every Tuesday afternoon in the Family Room from 2-4pm. Enjoy a time of refreshment and some games and conversation. Bring your special energy to make some new relationships. You will be enriched to plug in here. December 5 will be at the church and December 12 will be an off-site Christmas party. Please call the office for details. **The group will reconvene on Tuesday, January 9.**

Prayer Shawl Group


Having just enjoyed a warm and wonderful time together in November, this industrious and friendly group will meet again on **Thursday, January 25 at 1.00pm**. Why not plan to learn a new skill in the New Year - why not try knitting in 2024? These talented members will be happy to lend their expertise and teach you.

Tai Chi at St. Christopher's

The Taoist Tai Chi Arts is a way to cultivate better health, tame the heart and helps us become better people. We have classes every Wednesday evening here at St Christopher's. Our practices are open to all and if you are interested in this moving meditation, please join us at our **Open House on January 10, 2024 in the Great Hall at 7pm**. To find out more about our organization beforehand we can be found at www.Taoist.org.
Karen Ralph

Coldest Night of the Year

Help us launch Coldest Night of the Year 2024!

Visit our Campaign Page | Help us spread the word! 
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Open Doors Update

Community Market Shopping List

- school safe snacks
- healthy cereals-all ages
- diapers 5&6
- rice, spices, condiments
- personal hygiene products
- eggs

Volunteers Needed

Please view volunteer opportunities in Better Impact, if you are registered. If not, please call the office to connect with Shannon Shuell at 905.634.1809. Thank you!