

### **Sunday Services**

This week Sunday services are at the following times: 8.00am | 9.30am | 11.30am

Children ages 0-3, are welcome to visit Grannie's Place during the 9.30am service. If you would like to leave your children with volunteers, please let the greeting team know when you arrive.

Also, join Carrie Ford-Jones in the Youth Room for fun-packed activities with children 4+ at 9.30am.

### **Thursday Mornings**

Study 10.30am Morning Eucharist 11.30am Lunch 12.00pm

# 2024 Vestry Meeting

Save the date - Sunday, February 25. More details to come. If you lead a group within St. Christopher's, please prepare a report for the vestry report presented at this meeting. Submissions are required by Monday, January 15. Thank you!

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### Dear Friends,

Oidhche Bhlas Burns! If you're not up on your Scots, that's Happy Robbie Burns Night! Today is the birthday of Scottish national poet, Robert Burns. We will be celebrating the occasion at St. Christopher's tomorrow with a potluck dinner at 6pm followed by a local entertainment in the form of a casual coffee house. When you invite your friends and neighbours to the event, please call it our Robbie Burns Dinner, instead of potluck as we want guests to feel they can join us without having to bring food to share. Sláinte Mhath (good health)! I hope to see you there!

Also this weekend, Saturday will be our first Soup-er Saturday of the year. There will be several delicious soups to choose from so you can fill your fridge, your freezer, and your tummy! It's a fundraiser to support our outreach ministries. Please stop by the church between 11am and 1pm on Saturday, January 27. Come early for the best selection!

The start of Lent is on the horizon. In the upcoming Messenger, I will be sharing information about the Lent book we will be reading at St. Christopher's this year. In the meantime, please mark your calendar: our community pancake supper is coming up on Tuesday, February 13th at 6pm, and Ash Wednesday services will take place on Wednesday, February 14th at 11am and 7:30pm.









## Robbie Burns Coffee House and Winter Warm Potluck - 6pm

Bring your neighbours, friends and family ... if you have a table of 8, give us the name of your Clan and we will reserve a table. Sign up in the Narthex this Sunday to bring your favourite family dish. If you or your clan would like to be part of our evening's entertainment, please sign up or speak to Andy Elmhirst or John Stephen. Come and join us for an evening of fun. All are welcome!

### **Ginger Group**

Please mark your calendar for the next event of this 55+ group meeting for lunch and an interesting speaker - February 12 at 11.30am. Contact Winston or John at staff@stcb.ca for more information. All are welcome.

### **Bridge Group**

Our group of 16+ is now meeting in the Narthex with coffee and conversation included. The next gathering is Monday, February 5 at 2pm.

### You are not Alone

Join a conversation with Rev. David at the next hybrid meeting in the Family Room on Wed. February 21 at 7pm. Whether you have lost a loved one recently or longer ago, you are welcome here - to share in prayers and stories.

### Messenger

The February issue may be found in the Narthex next Sunday. Check during the week for your digital copy at stcb.ca under Recent News and Messenger.

## **Christmas Market Planning**

While the past Market is still somewhat fresh in our memories, it is a good time to assess the highs, lows and what changes are feasible moving ahead. All input is welcomed and encouraged in order to provide a base for thoughtful discussion. Everyone is invited to attend a preliminary meeting to explore new ideas, how to maintain traditions, and tweak what works well, for the best possible experience for visitors and volunteers. Join us on Wednesday, February 7 at 7.00pm in the Family Room. If you are unable to attend but have something to suggest, please contact Trudy Johnson via the church office at staff@stcb.ca. A second meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 6.

# **Missing White Table Cloths**

If you have borrowed or seen our round white table cloths, please contact Gail Grant as soon as possible at 905.634.1809.



# Youth Group 11+



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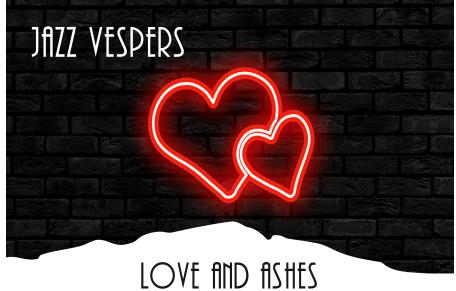
PIZZA AND PLANNING FOR 'COLDEST NIGHT'

FEB 11

MOVIE NIGHT 'EVAN ALMIGHTY'

FEB 24

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK





Rebecca Hennessy Trumpet



Stacie McGregor Piano



Tim Shia Drums



Jim Sandilands



Shannon Butcher Vocals

Sunday 18 Feb 2024 St. Christopher's 662 Guelph Line Burlington 4.00pm Free Will Offering





### **Coldest Night of the Year**

We have great news to share!! We have 16 teams ready to walk, 54 walkers and our donations just keep coming in.

A big shout out to one of our past team leaders, Ted Taylor, who will be donating \$100.00 to each team that achieves their goal. Team Leaders ... we know you can do it!!

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise awareness and funds in support of people experiencing homelessness, hunger or hurt. In Burlington, this event is supporting the programs offered through Open Doors at St. Christopher's.

Join us on February 24, 2024 - team up, fundraise, walk and take a moment to look closer ... because it's cold out there!

Please visit our table in the Narthex to Donate and be involved in this important event. Thank you ... your Open Doors, Coldest Night of the Year Event Team.

## **Encountering the Bible**

It's not uncommon to feel lost trying to understand the Sunday morning bible readings. If that is how you feel, join us Monday evenings at 7.00pm over Zoom. This an opportunity to bring your own thoughts and experience to the table, in a warm and friendly environment. If you are interested, and looking for more information, contact John Reszitnyk at 905.634.1809.

### Seniors' Social

Tricia Clarke and this warm and wonderful group of seniors meet 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!

#### Watercolours & Wine

Join acclaimed artist, Cheryl Goldring, for the next in a series of workshops on Wednesday, February 7 at noon in the Great Hall. Cheryl will lead you through a series of exercises which will produce a painting - in an afternoon! No experience is necessary. No materials are required. \$35 per person.





PROGRAM HOURS BEGINNING JAN 8, 2024

### **TUESDAY**

**COMMUNITY MARKET 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM** 

CLOTHING STORE 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

DINNER
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DINNER: 6:00 PM

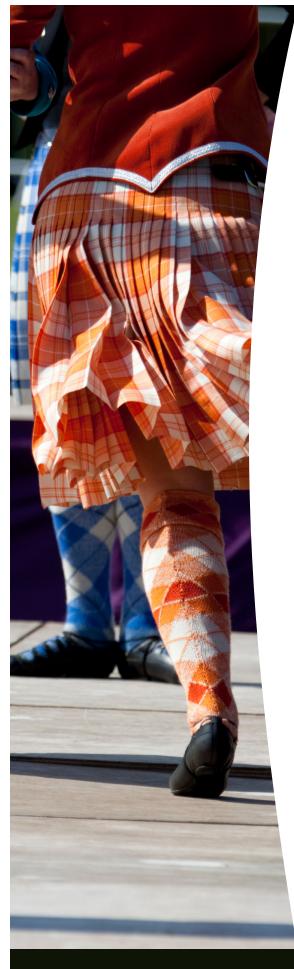
### **THURSDAY**

SENIORS' LUNCH 12pm COMMUNITY MARKET & CLOTHING STORE 12:30PM- 2:00PM

### **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

For more information, please visit our website: www.opendoorscommunity.ca 905-634-1809







On this Sunday we gave thanks for the lives of:

- Anne Olynyk, Sophie Moody, Noreen & Peter, Vicki, and Bill Husak, All lovingly remembered by Susan & Peter Olynyk, Jackie & Geoff Olynyk, Steve & Judy Olynyk.
- **Yvonne Tinglin,** lovingly remembered by Winston, Chris and Carolyn and dear family and friends.



from St. Christopher's Church community. May God's favour and blessing travel with you during the coming year.

Mary Ellen Hewitson Finian Ford-Jones Lyn Robinson Debbie Brooks Matthew Cain Daniel Watson Kathy Watson Matthew Collard Michele Honan



Happy Anniversary from St. Christopher's Church community. With God's blessing we wish you every joy, as you journey through life together.

Debra & Tim Denike

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# Remembrances, Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you would like us to remember a special date with you and your family, please share it with us. Your names will appear here on the chosen date. (Remembrances should be registered with Carol Henley at staff@stcb.ca for a Memorial Flower commemoration.)

# **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 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 we can receive your credit card information over the phone and process the transaction.