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Week of January 28, 2024

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory 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.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

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

Anniversaries this week


Debra & Tim Denike 44

Sunday Service times are ...

8.00am	9.30am	11.30am
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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!

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

Sunday Evenings (every other)

Youth Group 11+ yrs

Jan 28 - Pizza and Planning-CNoY

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.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Vestry Meeting: Save the Date!

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 25**. Save the date! In order to help us prepare, would you kindly submit your reports to the church office by **Monday, January 15**.

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.

Penny

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What's Coming Up?

Jan. 28	Sunday Services.....	8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am
	Youth Group	6.00pm
Jan. 29	Fit for Service	9.30am
Jan. 30	Seniors' Social	2.00pm
	Open Doors Programming	3.00pm
Jan. 31	Fit for Service	9.30am
Feb. 01	Faith Formation Study	10.30am
	Worship	11.30am
	Lunch.....	12.00pm
	Guitar.....	6.30pm
	Choir.....	7.30pm
Feb. 02	Fit for Service	9.30am

Calling All Young People

All young people are warmly invited to join the St. Christopher's Liturgical Dancers. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:00 beginning on January 14th and running until Easter. The first rehearsal will end a half hour earlier. Please contact Allison Wright, Paula Ramsay or Andy Elmhirst if you are interested. Liturgical dance at St. Christopher's is not only a unique and beautiful artistic expression of faith but a fantastic opportunity to receive free instruction from two professional dancers.

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.

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

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).

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**. All are welcome. Some knowledge of the game is an asset.

You are not Alone

The next gathering of this group will be **Wed. February 21 at 7.00pm**. This is a hybrid meeting and lead by Rev. David.

Watercolours & Wine

Join acclaimed artist Cheryl Goldring on **Wednesday, February 7** 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.

Jazz Vespers

Please mark your calendar for the next event - Sunday, February 18 at 4pm. Rev. Jim Sandilands and friends will entertain in the usual engaging ways...

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. Come once, twice or each month.

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 Reszityk at 905.634.1809.

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.

Open Doors Update

Community Market Shopping List

- canned meat & fish
- cereals and oatmeal
- dried pasta
- school safe snacks
- basic hygiene, sunblock
- spices

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!