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## Week of January 7, 2024

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

- **Murray Baldwin**, lovingly remembered by his wife Elizabeth, and his children Sarah & Les and their families.
- **Jack & Elsie Goodwin & Hilda Richardson**, parents & sister of Bob & Beth Goodwin, grandparents and aunt of Bob, David, and Alison.
- **Ronald and Patricia Shoots**, lovingly remembered by their daughters Wendy Leger & Cathy Shoots.
- **David Selway**, remembered with love by his wife Joan, and his family.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries

#### Birthdays this week

William Barton	Jackie Zhang
Bill Brown	Adam Sims
Julia Catton	Trudy Johnson
Helen Hiscock	Carrie McFarland
Ron Cooper	Gerry Anthony
Donel George	
Beth Goodwin	

#### Anniversaries this week


*There are no anniversaries this week.*

#### Regular Sunday Service times resume on December 31...

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

*This programming will resume on January 11.*

#### 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 resumes January 7.*

Dear Friends,

We were saddened to learn of the recent deaths of two dear ones.

- Marianne Scott passed away in Brantford on Sunday, December 31, wife of the late Bob (2015). She will be missed by her children Christine Marchesan, Jennifer Chesterton and Liz Woloshin. Marianne served on our Altar Guild. She delighted in her grandchildren. Marianne was a very willing volunteer, wherever needed. Visitation will be at Smith's Funeral Home, 1167 Guelph Line on Monday, January 8 from 12pm. A service of remembrance will be held in the chapel at 1pm.
- Elizabeth (Betty) Fillmore died on January 2. Her daughter is Leslee Fielding.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held in the spring. Betty has been a long and faithful parishioner at St. Christopher's. Over the last years she has enjoyed receiving our weekly mail-out, birthday cards and having access to the online services.

May Marianne and Betty rest in peace and rise in glory.

This week our children's ministries are resuming, including GIFT and Grannie's Place. Youth Group has a special off-site outing planned for Sunday, January 14.

Also on Sunday, January 7, we will be having our "Name Tag Sunday". Please wear your name tag and visit with those you know and those you don't at the caffeine station. If you don't have a name tag, there will be a table in the Narthex where you may register your name to have a name tag made for you. Let's take time to meet and greet people on this special day.

#### 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.

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

#### Jazz Vespers

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

#### Robbie Burns Live! Coffee House & Potluck

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

#### 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 or go to the table in the Narthex following each service this week.

**Name Tag Sunday - January 7**

## What's Coming Up?

Jan. 7	Sunday Services.....	8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am (with children's programming)
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
	Guitar.....	6.30pm
	Choir.....	7.30pm
Jan. 12	Fit for Service .....	9.30am

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.Taoist.org).  
*Karen Ralph*

## Coldest Night of the Year

Help us launch Coldest Night of the Year 2024!

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## Open Doors Update

### Community Market Shopping List

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| • 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!