

Messenger

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FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY



Dear friends,
It's been hard saying farewell to Rev. David Montgomery. David has been so gracious in the ways he has cared for St. Christopher's people and we are so grateful. Surrounding David with our prayers on his final Sunday (May 25) was a moving experience. The outpouring of love and gratitude for David at Music in the Garden (May 30) was also so wonderful. David will be missed. We wish him all the very best as he begins his new ministry at Grace Church in Waterdown.

If you didn't get to meet Rev. Wojtek Kuzma on the first Sunday in June, I hope you get to meet him soon. (You can find Wojtek's sermon from his first Sunday at St. Christopher's on our YouTube channel, or by clicking )

<https://youtu.be/rEuSpBWZCac>. Wojtek has a lively faith in Jesus Christ, a wealth of pastoral experience, and a keen mind. I think you will like him! I am so very happy to welcome Wojtek, his wife Vicky, and their daughters Elizabeth and Charlotte to St. Christopher's!

You may be wondering why there are Christmas trees across the top of my column. In the May Messenger I floated the idea that St. Christopher's might sell live Christmas trees as a fundraiser in early December. I'm really curious - if we were to do this, would you consider buying your tree from us? If we do sell trees, would you be able to volunteer for a couple of hours, or several shifts, to help with the sale? I think this idea has the potential to become a major fundraiser, and the

Corporation is weighing interest to help us decide whether to move ahead. Let me know what you think!

I put a note in this Messenger about the music we use when we sing the Our Father at the 8.00am and 9.30am services. I recently learned that David Haas' publisher has withdrawn his music from their catalogue because of allegations of serial abuse. Church leaders have asked congregations to stop using his music, and I think it's the right thing for us to stop using Haas' compositions. Beginning immediately, we will be saying the Our Father. Probably in the fall we will start learning a new musical setting. I know many St. Christopher's people love the music we use for the Lord's Prayer, and we will miss this familiar and meaningful moment in

our worship.

What a feeling to be part of the Diocesan Pride Mass at the start of June! I am so grateful to the planning team, and to the many St. Christopher's people who joined the celebration at the Cathedral. Thank you! Pride Sunday at St. Christopher's is coming up on June 15th.

Please note another couple of dates. June 8th is Pentecost, when you are invited to wear red, and when the Rev. Dr. Hollis Hiscock will preside at the 9.30am service as a way to honour and celebrate his 60th ordination anniversary. June 22nd is Picnic Sunday - there will be only one service, at 10am, when we

will celebrate an instructed Eucharist. The picnic will follow.

Finally, please note that we switch over our summer office hours later this month. From June 23 - September 1, inclusive, the church office will be open 9-noon, Monday-Friday.

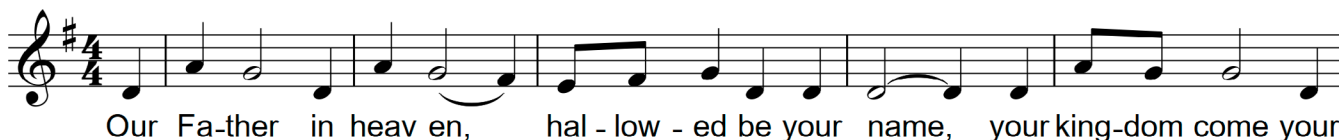
Penny



REV. CANON DR.
PENNY ANDERSON
RECTOR

MUSIC FOR THE "OUR FATHER"

written by David Haas



We learned recently of a dark cloud over the music we use when we sing the Lord's Prayer at 8:00 and 9:30. Haas's publisher, GIA Publications, has withdrawn his music from their catalogue and church leaders have asked congregations to stop using his music because of allegations of assault brought against David Haas by a number of victims.

I know this will be a blow to many at St. Christopher's. We have used Haas' music for years when we sing the Our Father. But I think it's right to abide by the request to stop using Haas' music. What we know from victim statements is that Haas used his music to get close to victims when he played at retreats and worship conferences.

There are a number of Haas' compositions in Sing Your Praise, the yellow book we use as a supplement to the blue hymn books – You Are Mine, Blest Are They, I Am the Living Bread, Sing Your Joy, We Are Called, You Are the Voice. We will also stop using these pieces.

For the time being, we will say the Our Father at 8.00 and 9.30am. Andy will find another musical setting for the Lord's Prayer that we'll start using, probably in the fall.

Thank you for understanding,



NEW ASSISTANT CURATE

Greetings St. Christopher's! I'm Rev. Wojtek Kuzma. I was born in Poland, emigrated to Canada with my family in 1990 when I was fourteen years old, and settled in Hamilton, Ontario. I completed my high school and university education in Ontario, and was ordained a priest for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton in 2005, where I served in various pastoral and administrative capacities until July of 2023.

Bishop Susan accepted my priestly orders in 2024, welcoming me into the Anglican Church of Canada, and I was honoured to serve the Church of the Nativity in Hamilton and St. Paul's in Mount Hope before starting at St. Christopher's.

My wife Vicky and I are blessed with two daughters Elizabeth is 6 years old and Charlotte is 4 months old. Apart from being a priest and a family man, I love fixing things, especially old motorcycles.



WARDENS' REPORT



It may feel that it has taken June a long time to show up this spring. May has not been its typical self, with much cooler than average temperatures. However, we have arrived, and we have a lot happening this month.

However, let's look back at the month of May, as it was a busy month as well. We held our second and very successful Mother's Day Tea, which saw one hundred guests, that included live music, a craft making event and of course plenty of food for all. On May 17th in observation of International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, St. Christopher's raised

the Pride flag, showing the community its support and ability to always be an inclusive and caring place for all. May is also a month full of changes. While we bid adieu to Reverend David Montgomery as he sets off to Waterdown's Grace Anglican Church, we also welcome our new Assistant Curate, Reverend Wojtek Kuzma. We are looking forward to all that Wojtek will bring from his experience, and I know St. Christopher's warm and loving embrace will be given to him as he transitions into his role with us.

June is warming up with lots of activity as well. On June 8th Open Doors is

hosting a Block Party event for families, starting at 12.30 pm in the St. Christopher's parking lot. Please contact Shannon Shuell at opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca for more details. On Sunday, June 22nd come join in for all the fun at the Church Picnic (rain or shine). Later that day (4pm) plan to attend our last Jazz Vespers before the summer break.

Last time I wrote the article for the Messenger, I brought to your attention some of the areas we are focusing on to help reduce our costs. I want to let you know that we have been successful to date in bringing down those cost areas of

concern (you will notice less coloured photocopying, as one example). However, the Staff Team and Corporation have also been very busy finding ways to increase our space usage and bring in the associated revenue. The space at St. Christopher's is used by many individuals

and small groups - you could almost say it is a "hub of community activity" for our area! Keep your eyes open for future ideas of activity and opportunities that will help us to develop and grow.

Blessings to you all,

Paul Shelton is one of the four wardens (Paul Shelton, Shannon Mac, Mike Ravenscroft, Lisa Kruitwagen) who, along with our Rector, Rev. Canon Dr. Penny Anderson, make up St. Christopher's Corporation

PAUL SHELTON
WARDEN



DIOCESAN MISSION & MAINTENANCE

DM&M-What is it and where does it go?

“...it’s a way we share the resources entrusted to our care, to support God’s mission throughout the world.” (The Venerable Archdeacon Bill Mous, in Niagara Anglican, May 2025)

Among the most frequently asked questions at our annual congregational meetings is one related to an important line item in the annual budget – our Diocesan Mission and Ministry assessment (DM&M for short). This year was no exception to that pattern. To many parishioners, DM&M seems somewhat mysterious, something hard to wrap their arms around. Our Stewardship Committee thought it might help to provide more information about it in our monthly Messenger.

In perfect timing - and to our absolute delight - the May issue of Niagara Anglican included a full-page article on DM&M contributions and what they mean for our church. Written by Archdeacon Bill Mous, it covered the subject extensively, so we saw no need to reinvent the wheel. We thought we would take highlights from Archdeacon Mous’ article and include them in this issue of the Messenger. (We take full responsibility for any misinterpretations of the content provided in the Archdeacon’s article.)

One Offering Plate

Our financial contributions support ministry, not only in our own parish, but at all levels of the church.

This reflects the idea of “one offering plate”. Thus, DM&M contributions from local churches help to support diocesan, national and international parts of the church. In this way, the contributions we make enable us to have an even bigger impact on the life of the church. In Archdeacon Mous’ words, we can “take part in God’s mission in ways that go beyond what any one of us can accomplish alone.”

DM&M Funding Formula

The formula for each parish’s contribution was approved by Synod in 2017. Each parish reports its total income in a given year. Eligible ministry expenses – e.g. clergy stipends, utilities, insurance, outreach expenses – are deducted. This usually results in a DM&M assessment of between 15 to 20% of total income, depending on a parish’s financial situation.

What it Does

DM&M contributions are pooled by the diocese and used to support a variety of services and programs provided through the offices of the diocese. For example, the diocese:

- Administers clergy benefits and a centralized payroll system;
- Provides expertise, services and programs, through diocesan staff, to strengthen local congregations;
- Provides support for ministry development, legal governance, human resources and volunteer management;
- Facilitates diocesan-wide initiatives related to communications,

children, youth and family ministry, social justice and stewardship;

- Supports individuals called to ordained ministry through a discernment process and encourages parish discernment and support of potential applicants and candidates.
- Plays a key role in Canada’s Refugee Relief Program, coordinating with government agencies for parishes such as St Christopher’s, when we sponsored a Syrian family.
- Provides tax input and assistance regarding Planned Gifts and Gifts of Securities.
- Negotiates and manages an insurance program for all parishes, providing leverage and options around coverage for individual parishes.
- Provides support for the Bishop’s episcopal ministry.
- Advances the diocesan Mission Action Plan and supports development and execution of parish mission action plans.
- Develops new worship resources.
- Provides support for parishes facing serious financial difficulty, allowing them time to regroup and implement strategies to turn things around.
- Supports Indigenous ministries and the church’s work towards reconciliation.
- Provides staff support for diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives – e.g. anti-racism training, LGBTQ+ education and support, advocacy and

education around human trafficking.

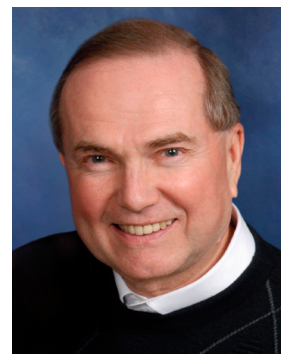
- Supports parish greening activities, including certification and work on the Anglican Communion Forest Project.
- Supports Anglican churches in the Canadian North.
- Engages God’s mission as a global church through diocesan contributions to the Anglican Church of Canada and its primary global development arm, Alongside Hope

(formerly PWRDF) and fosters relationships with the World Council of Churches, the United Nations and related relief, development and human rights organizations.

In summary, our DM&M contributions are a vital part of our collective effort to create God’s kingdom here on earth. They help to build up the body of Christ in our world, and bind us together as Anglicans in service to God’s mission of love and care for all creation.



Winston Tinglin



Bob Taylor

MUSIC & THE PERFORMING ARTS



We stand on the precipice of summer and, after a cold and busy spring, I'm eager to fall into the hot, slow season. While the unusually cool weather is inexplicable, I know that much of my energy has been given to St. Christopher's Music in the Garden celebration last Friday night.

It was certainly time well spent. Music in the Garden was one of those many moments throughout the church year where one is proud to be a member of St. Christopher's. I was struck by the fact that this was the type of event that could only be pulled off by a church community. A gathering where people know a part of each others' stories, knowledge gained over years and even decades; where potluck food is offered as an expression of appreciation, pride, and love; where people share

their talents and join in singing familiar music.

While the stage was open to many types of talent, singing was the main medium on display. The choir bookended the entertainment with performances of sacred music like the invitational Come Away by Mark Hayes and the benedictive Celtic Prayer by Canadian composer Barry Peters. The choir also flexed some secular muscle with a medley of ABBA songs and the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, Edelweiss. We are fortunate to have such a capable volunteer choir at St. Christopher's. They sounded great on Friday night which is an especially impressive achievement given the difficulty of these selections and the proximity to the Easter season. The choir have outdone themselves as they are wont to do. What a wonderful way to (almost) finish off the

choir year.

Every Sunday morning, congregants at the 9:30 service are accompanied in their singing by the choir and guitar group. Music in the Garden was a nice opportunity to hear the guitar group as a standalone act. They performed sing-a-long music from our shared Christian tradition as well as a Godspell medley arranged by John Stephen. Their leader, John, also accompanied a couple of solo vocalists. Penelope Yott sang Sunshine on my Shoulders, a public expression of love and hope for her granddaughter that I won't soon forget. Amanda Shiomi shared a similarly personal and heartfelt rendition of Sailing by Gavin Sutherland that left us in awe and admiration.

The farewell songs performed by Rev. David Montgomery were at least as emotional and personal as those described above.

Two mid-20th C. art songs, Since We Loved by Gerald Finzi and Among Friends by Canadian Robert Fleming were messages of love to Kate and St. Christopher's respectively.

Community organizations are much diminished entities in the 21st C. compared to fifty years ago. Events like Music in the Garden are rare occurrences nowadays. We are fortunate

at St. Christopher's to enjoy such social events 3-4 times a year. The MAP committee is doing incredible work. I mentioned earlier that this type of event is unique to churches. I would go further and say that the high level of quality in entertainment, decoration, food, organization, hospitality and even fundraising is unique to St. Christopher's. Congratulations everyone!



ANDY ELMHIRST
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

FROM THE REGISTRY

Funerals

4 May 2025

Violet Milligan

6 May 2025

Shizuko (Sherry) Mototsune



Welcome to Wojtek

Wojtek joined us on Monday, May 26 and his first Sunday with us was on June 1. We look forward to getting to know him as he steps into the position of Assistant Curate. We also welcome his wife, Victoria and daughters, Elizabeth and Charlotte. Please plan to introduce yourself on a Sunday morning at the caffeine station or at another time when you are at the church for a group, meeting or social event.



Mental Health Care Support Group

Providing care to loved ones experiencing mental health challenges can be overwhelming. Come join a safe and confidential space with others on a care-giving journey to share experiences, discuss concerns, and be supported by others confronted with similar situations. Facilitated by community experts, this group meets in-person in the Family Room or you can join via Zoom link. Check the eblast for next meeting dates.



Climate Justice

Pray • Learn • Act • Advocate

Next Meeting

Tuesday | June 17 | 7.00pm



Garden Group

There is always room for more gardeners! If you like physical work, fresh air and good company, please contact Sandi Smith at staff@stcb.ca to learn the work schedule dates. It is possible to work alone, if the group times don't work for you, but please connect with Sandi.



Burlington Mindfulness Meeting

Wednesday | June 11 & 25 | 7.00pm

(paused in July and August)

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



As our 2024/2025 children's program comes to a close, I am enjoying the opportunity to reflect on all that we have shared through this past year. With graduations and end of school milestones celebrated in so many of your homes, I know you're feeling many of the same feelings I am. *Where has the time gone? I can't believe it's already June. They've all grown so much.*

The same feelings hold true here at St. Christopher's. It feels like mere weeks ago that we were preparing for the Christmas pageant!

Many of you have been on this journey with us every week. For others, I'll offer you a little recap of how we have spent this year.

The Sunday morning 9:30 am GIFT program has enjoyed four different curriculum series this year. 'Digging for Treasure' – a series exploring some of the lesser known Bible

stories, 'A Light Has Come' – our 4 week Advent series, 'Someone Asked: Who is Jesus?' – a series getting to know the stories of Jesus' life, and finally, wrapping up with 'The Parables' which we have explored using Godly Play. These series have offered the kids some cohesion when learning about these stories and a chance to build on familiar themes over the weeks. Knowing that not everyone can be here every Sunday, we always attempt to recap the themes that were missed. Over the last 10 months, our GIFT program has welcomed over 40 different children, averaging around 10-15 in attendance each Sunday.

Youth Group, and our newly minted 'Kids Club' wrap up this month with a couple of fun field trips to Burlington Bowl and Activate Gaming Experience. Kids Club was born out of the younger members' curiosity and

enthusiasm for what the big kids were doing, and they have loved the opportunity to take ownership of their place in our church when they are the only ones in the building. It is so important that our younger members feel that this is their place too, especially when it can sometimes feel like church is 'for grown-ups.' I'm excited at the prospect that this eager young generation will form our future Youth Group and continue to be a part of the future congregation of the church, and like I said at the beginning, "They've all grown up so much!" Youth group has held strong at about 7-10 members this year, and Kids Club has already grown to 8 in just a few short months!

As the program year winds down, we are barely skipping a beat before diving right into summer! Fun in the Sun preparations are under way and our youth leaders will be getting together—perhaps a little

weary from writing exams, and getting a head start on planning camp activities at the end of June. It has been truly heartwarming to see how many of you have offered your time to help with camp this summer. It reinforces just how much our congregation values young people and their faith formation experience. Thank you!

Finally, I hope you will mark your calendars for June 22nd as we gather for one more Kids' Service for the spring before everyone goes off in exciting new directions for the summer. The service promises to be friendly for all ages and will be closely followed by our year-end church picnic complete with lunch, games and prizes! Don't miss it!



CARRIE FORD-JONES
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR



Fit for Service 9.30am

Monday | Wednesday | Friday



ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility Committee

You're invited! Help us create a culture of inclusion at St. Christopher's. Join us in the Sensory Room at 7pm on Wednesday, June 25.



St. Christopher's Co-Operative Preschool

Spaces available for the September 2025 - June 2026 Preschool Year

Half-day Preschool (9.00am - 12.00noon)

Children 2.5 - 5 years of age

Contact: info@stchristopherspreschool.ca

Website: stchristopherspreschool.ca



FUN IN THE SUN

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT SUMMER CAMP?

Summer camp August 11-15th 2025

9.00am - 3.30pm

Registration Now Open

Pick up a registration form
in the Atrium or find it
online at the stcb.ca website.



FUN IN THE SUN

LEADERS TRAINING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY JUNE 28

10.00 - 4.00





OPEN DOORS

every person. every table.



It's been a bustling month for Open Doors, with community spirit in full bloom as the organization hosted a series of vibrant events and is preparing for an exciting summer ahead.

The month began on a sweet note with the co-hosting of a delightful Mother's Day Tea. The room was filled with the sound of music, laughter, and the warm clinking of teacups as guests enjoyed scones and shared stories. Many thanks to Cheryl Goldring, Roberta Calderbank and the many volunteers and staff. The event was a resounding success, creating cherished memories for all who participated.

Meanwhile, the Open Doors garden has come alive with activity. Under the dedicated leadership of Sam from the Burlington Food Bank, and with the help of many enthusiastic volunteers, the garden is thriving. Sam has been a driving force in organizing the space and cultivating not only plants but a sense of togetherness. (For those looking to get involved or learn more about the garden's progress, Sam is the go-to person for information)

Open Doors is also thrilled to announce its new participation in the Lion's Farmers Market, taking place every other Friday morning. Visitors can stop by the Open Doors booth to purchase frozen soups and sweets lovingly prepared in our always-busy kitchen. It's a delicious way to support local programming while enjoying homemade goodness.

Another growing highlight is our "What's for Dinner" program, happening on the first and third Wednesday of each month. This popular event has welcomed groups of friends, volunteers, and coworkers who come together to share laughs and learn new cooking tips and recipes. Whether you're a seasoned home cook or just want a break from making dinner yourself, gather a few friends and join us – there's always something new to discover in the kitchen!

Looking ahead to June 2, we are thrilled to welcome back a familiar face – Jonah – who will be returning for another summer season. Known for his energy and commitment, we are thrilled to have him back for yet another season.

Mark your calendars for June 8 – we're throwing a Community Block Party! Bring the whole family for a day filled with family-friendly fun, including face painting, kids' activities, and much more. It's the perfect chance to connect with neighbours and celebrate summer together.

With a joyful May behind us and so much to look forward to, Open Doors is your place to grow, gather, and enjoy all summer long – see you in the garden, the kitchen, or at the market!

SHANNON SHUELL
GOOD FOOD COORDINATOR



JAZZ VESPERS



Sunday
22 June
2025

St. Christopher's
662 Guelph Line
Burlington

4.00pm
Free Will
Offering

Scent Free Environment

Please remember that St. Christopher's is a scent free environment. Please avoid using scented products on the days that you come to your church, for the health and safety of those around you. Thank you!



WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



Join our Good food Coordinator on the first and third wednesday of the month (5pm-7pm) for a fun, educational cooking class. Classes are \$35 each, and can be paid in the office by cash/credit or debit. Sign up with your friends, family, coworkers! Next dates June 4 & 18

June - Budget Family Friendly Meals

July - Entre Salads

Aug - Kids Class

Sept - Stir fry's

Oct - Soups and Stews

Nov - Desserts



OPEN DOORS
every person. every table.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN





CLIMATE JUSTICE GROUP



Beating the Heat
I received a weather alert from Environment Canada this morning advising that a period of warm summer weather is expected to arrive, and that temperatures will rise to a few degrees above average. We've had a cool spring and so I'm predisposed to receive this news as something to look forward to. I am aware though that this is a time to prepare ourselves for the risks that come with extreme heat.

The warming planet means heat waves will be both more intense and frequent, and heat is amplified in cities. Here in Halton Region, heat warnings are issued when temperatures are expected to be at least 31°C and overnight temperatures are

above 20°C for at least 3 days or the humidex is at least 40 for at least 2 days. These warnings are issued because heat poses serious risk of heat stroke or heat exhaustion, which can be deadly. Statistics Canada reported that roughly 670 deaths were attributed to extreme heat events in Canada's 12 largest cities between 2000 and 2020. One single heat event in British Columbia resulted in the deaths of an estimated 619 people over the course of one week in 2021. Groups at greater risk of heat illness are older adults, especially those who are living alone, infants and young children, people with chronic illnesses such as heart or breathing conditions, people with limited physical mobility who are unable to move or change position

by themselves, people with certain mental health illnesses, people on certain medications, people who work or exercise in the heat, and people experiencing homelessness. When the City of Burlington or Halton Region issue a heat warning, our public libraries are designated cooling centres and you are allowed to bring your pets with you.

Here are some simple things that you can do to stay cool when the temperature rises:

- Stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water
- Stay inside during the hottest part of the day
- If you must go outside, wear a hat and seek shade
- Wear loose, light-coloured clothing
- Close blinds or curtains until the temperature cools

- Use solar blankets to cover windows and reflect heat
 - Eat smaller meals and avoid alcohol and caffeine
 - Create sleeping/resting space in your basement
 - Avoid strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day
 - Take cool showers or baths
 - Use fans to circulate air
 - Turn off electronics and lights
 - Visit a splash pad or turn on your sprinkler
 - Go to a cooling centre or visit another air conditioned space
- You can sign up for extreme weather alerts in a variety of places so you can make plans in advance. One way is through the

WeatherCAN app on your phone. If you live alone, find a heat buddy and check in on each other in extreme weather.

Of course, anything that we can do to slow global warming is an imperative. If you are interested in joining us as we pray, learn, act, and advocate, you are welcome at any of our meetings which are generally on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meetings are June 17 and September 16.



CAROL HENLEY

PROPERTY REPORT



Whew! What a spring we have had! We have already been involved in some big projects, inside and outside the building.

During the spring yard cleanup on April 26, Chris Jones, Michael Peroune and Bruce Jank patched several of the larger holes in the asphalt in the north east driveway. Several members of the Climate Justice group joined the cleanup team to remove leaves and dead branches from the gardens and lawns. Ryan Winslow took on the strenuous task of scraping the plant growth coming through the asphalt cracks surrounding the Community Market. Thank you Stan Pearce for organizing and participating in a very successful day, in spite of the weather!

We wish to acknowledge the wonderful work of our new gardener, Sam LeGrand (hired in partnership with

the Burlington Food Bank). Sam and her volunteers have embraced our Community Garden space and have all of the garden beds built, well maintained and planted. The accessibility mats have been laid. Chris Jones initiated the irrigation system successfully for them and also assisted with several small construction projects. Early crops of lettuce, radishes and rhubarb are already being harvested! Visit the garden when you can and see what a warm and inviting space it has become!

In the early days of January an outside company power washed the kitchen appliances, walls, cupboards; this process is done biannually. Both grease traps were serviced in April. However, following this visit it was discovered that the grease trap nearest the stove was compromised, with a hole in the bottom; the box was replaced and re-

plumbed. The fridge closest to the stove experienced a condensation drain issue and was repaired in April. Three of four freezers have required repairs in the last three weeks. One is currently waiting for a part; it is turned off and empty. The next freezer has a broken temperature gauge; it will be replaced when one can be sourced. The third freezer was repaired on May 27 with a new fan installed. The stove required a new gas regulator in January.

One of the toilets in the women's washroom was often in disrepair with the mechanism in the tank becoming unhooked from the handle. This toilet was replaced in April. (A chain inside the tank has since been replaced on this new toilet by our Facilities Coordinator.) Chris also replaced the sensor in the hand wash sink closest to the Sensory Room.

Electrical work has been

completed in the bump out of the church, bringing us to compliance with the electrical code. We also added an outside plug for lighting/music needed for events/services in the front garden.

Recently, Chris and Mike removed the bench in the Community Market waiting area (to the north of the building) to discourage overnight guests.

Michael Peroune has sanded the rust marks and repainted the visibility rails and step markings at the north doors. A1 security conducted their annual inspection of security cameras and alarms in the early part of the year. Michael checks all emergency lights and batteries monthly.

Jobs to be done...

- Chimney cap mortar needs repointing
- Revisit the possibility of an entrance to the utility loft from the upper storage area at the rear of the

Great Hall

- Parking lot striping

Good News! We have just learned that we have been awarded the Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant that we applied for in late 2024. This money is earmarked for specific things such as replacing the timing control of the overhead light above the garden with a digital one (the timer is currently broken and must be turned on manually every night), replacement of the exterior doors at the Clothing Store and Youth Room - hardware and operators, security cameras at the front of the building, additional lighting on the Community Market.

As always, adventures arise often. The Wednesday morning Property crew of Michael and Chris always invites helping hands. If you would like to spend 1-3 hours on a Wednesday morning, please let us know at staff@stcb.ca.

Did You Know ?



Visionaries

1. Who had the vision to spread a rainbow across the sanctuary to show our embracing of pride in our congregation?

2. Who “knew” these hallways would be filled to overflowing with parishioners, guests, tables, bands, choirs, and tradespeople, and so encouraged the building committee to make extra wide hallways?

3. Who figured out how to get readers and announcers and priests safely into the pulpit without clutching the tiles en route? (She designed an almost invisible railing!)?

4. Who concocts a yummy dinner out of the Food for Life food every Tuesday?

5. Who urged us forward to build this building by quoting the doxology on top of those two steps, knowing that a new building like this was needed?

6. Who had the vision to add a band to our 11.30am service? (two people)

7. Who envisions all the fun things to keep the joy
- alive in Open Doors?

8 Who creates attractive, creative and seasonal wall décor for the Great Hall, for our great delight? (and convinces her brother to assist in the putting up and taking down, every time!)

9. Who enlivens our eblasts and thinks of neat stuff for the Messenger cover with photos and graphics throughout?

10. Who thought of, and then created (from the old pews), that handsome rolling altar for the 11.30am service?

11. Who watched over Project 2000, the building project that created the Atrium and all rooms and offices west of the sanctuary – watching the details of the construction, the demolishing and the new-build? (two people)

12. Who figured out how to honour the people in our Memorial Garden (after our scattering garden moved to Grace Anglican in Waterdown) by placing a plaque on the east wall of the church?

13. Who keeps us alive in the
- great big world of social media?

14. Who volunteers vast amounts of time painting, and fixing, and patching, and cooking, and sees what needs to be done everywhere in the building and on the property? (two people)

15. Who built the new missal stand upon Penny’s arrival, from wood in the old pews?

16. Who replaces pieces of the stained glass windows when they are damaged?

17. Whose family donated the illuminated stained glass window in the Family Room?

18. Who carved the appliqué, symbolizing the Eucharist, on the rolling altar?

19. Who envisioned the need for warm and colourful tablecloths that are used weekly in our Community Dinners, and then sewed them herself? (20+ years ago)

20. Who created and then crafted the handsome offering boxes and the stands they sit on in the sanctuary?

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Choose from the following:

- Gail Grant,

Fred Gosse,

Betty Coombs,

Penny Anderson,

Paula Ramsay,

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Did you Know” is submitted humbly, acknowledging the fact that this message might be unintentionally omitting someone’s vision.



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June 13 - Congratulations!

The Reverend Doctor Hollis Hiscock will preside at the 9.30am service on June 8 in celebration of his 60th anniversary of ordination .



Ginger Group

Calling everyone 55+ or retired! Our next gathering will be Monday, June 16 at 11.30am. Contact Winston or John at staff@stcb.ca for more information.



Pride Sunday
June 15 2025



Summer Hours

Mon, Jun 23 to Mon, Sep 1
Mon to Fri | 9am - 12noon



Free Family Fun

Join us for an afternoon of treats and kids' programming. The Halton Regional Police Services Community Cruiser and a truck from the Burlington Fire Department will be parked in the north parking lot. Have your face painted with Bee Bop the Clown. "Kids Sports" will be running a clinic in the front garden. Free food and lots of family fun. Donations to Open Doors are appreciated.

Sunday, June 8
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
662 Guelph Line





Watercolour Wednesdays

with Cheryl Goldring

Wednesday, June 4 at 12 noon

\$35 per session. All materials are provided, including professional instruction. Gather with others in a warm and encouraging space. Light beverages are included.

MAP

Reshaping Parish Culture

On Zoom with Gail Grant

Tuesday | 3 June | 7pm



Seniors' Social

Tricia Clarke and this warm and wonderful group of seniors meets every Tuesday afternoon in the Family Room from 2-4pm. Enjoy a time of refreshment, games and conversation. Bring your special energy to build some new relationships. Please contact staff@stcb.ca for details.



Bridge Group

Welcome to those wishing to join us for a game of Bridge! All are welcome but previous experience is appreciated. Light refreshments will be provided. You don't need to be a regular at St. Christopher's to join this group. Please contact Liz at staff@stcb.ca for more information. *This group is now paused until Monday, September 8 from 2-4pm.*



Prayer Shawl Group

Plan to join this passionate and caring group at their next meeting: June 26 at 1pm. If you have never knitted before, come and learn. Meet friends over shared creative skills. *(pausing for July & August)*



Men's Cooking Groups

Men's Cooking #1 will meet on Monday, June 9 at 9.30am. Men's Cooking #2 will meet on Monday, June 23 at 9.30am. Come and learn how to be a proficient cook. Share your skills and knowledge if you are already experienced in the kitchen. Please contact Bob or Gerry at staff@stcb.ca if you are interested.



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Parish Picnic

A photograph of three children participating in a sack race. They are running across a grassy field, each inside a large burlap sack. The child on the left is a girl with blonde pigtails, wearing a white shirt. The child in the middle is a boy with brown hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt. The child on the right is a girl with dark hair and a blue headband, wearing a blue denim dress over a white shirt. The background is a lush green field with trees.

Save the Date

Sunday | 22 June | 2025

One service only 10am