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Week of October 19, 2025

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

- **Mototsune, and Kitagawa family loved ones** remembered.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Gord Hall	Charles McFarland	Harry Warren
David Rudge	Lee Bush	Scott Roberts
James Watson	Ron LaSalle	Andie Wren
Nancy Hall	Margery Huurman	Jamie Barnes
Cliff Baker	Madeleine Ward-	Paula Hamilton

Anniversaries this week

George & Marilyn Schroeder	40
Giova & Brian Gallagher	24
Joan & Ron LaSalle	15
Jeffrey Butt & Carrie Ford-Jones	19
Doug & Heather Froom	61
Lana & Ron Wilk	33

Thursdays Mornings

Join us each week...

Study 10.30am | Service 11.30am | Lunch 12pm

Enjoy a study time in the Family Room each Thursday morning with the rector, followed by a Morning Eucharist. Lunch is served at 12 noon.

Children & Youth in the Youthroom

GIFT	Sundays at 9.30am (3 and up)
Kids Club	Oct 19 at 6pm (ages 8-11)
Youth Group	Oct 26 at 6.30pm (ages 12-17)

Jazz Vespers

Plan to be here Sunday, **October 19** at 4.00pm for the live music of professional musicians and prayers with Rev. Jim Sandilands. Light refreshments will follow. Invite friends, family and neighbours!

Ginger Group

The next gathering is Monday, October 20 at 11.30am. A delicious lunch will be served with special beverages. Samantha Stambula and Gabe Arcuri from the Canadian Centre on Electron Microscopy will be exploring the remarkable capabilities of advanced microscopes - scientific instruments that reveal structures far beyond the limits of human vision.

If you can't attend this event, plan for the next date of December 8 where there will be two speakers - one speaking on Hearing Loss in Seniors and another talking on Guide and Service Dogs.

Dear Friends,

It's October, so things are jumping at St. Christopher's! Just this coming Sunday there's soup sales in the morning, Confirmation (please pray for Nella and Philippa and Alexandra who will be confirmed at 4pm at the Cathedral, and Jazz Vespers, and the Kid's Club Halloween party.

But today I really have one thing in mind. I heard some buzz last Sunday around Harvest Fest, lots of St. Christopher's people saying, Yes I want to go - yes, I'll buy my ticket next week. Well, next week is here!

Let me tell you a bit about the event. Harvest Fest is one of the major fundraisers of the year for our outreach ministries. It will take place this year at Paradiso Restaurant, downtown. There will be a prix fixe menu with wine pairings included, music performed by Kevin Beeby, and a cash bar. Buying your ticket now will allow you to choose who sits with you at your table! Tickets are available at the church, and through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/harvest-fest-2025-tickets-1757657844929?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

"Holy Distractions! Let's Talk About ADHD"

Plan to join us for the first in an education series hosted by the Accessibility Committee. "Holy Distractions! Let's Talk About ADHD" will be led by Shannon Mac on Saturday, **October 25** at 1pm in the Great Hall. No registration required. We hope to see you there. (Ref. Article: Messenger- July/Aug 2025)

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

What's Coming Up?

Oct 19	Worship.....	8am, 9.30am, 11.30am
	GIFT	9.30am
	Jazz Vespers.....	4.00pm
	Confirmation Service at the Cathedral	4.00pm
	Kid's Club.....	6.00pm
Oct 20	Fit for Service	9.30am
	Ginger Group.....	11.30am
	Bridge Group.....	1.00pm
Oct 21	Senior's Social	2.00pm
	Open Doors programming.....	3.00pm
	Climate Justice Meeting	7.00pm
Oct 22	Fit for Service	9.30am
	Burlington Mindfulness Group	7.00pm
Oct 23	Study with the Rector	10.30am
	Morning Eucharist	11.30am
	Seniors' Lunch	12.00pm
	Guitars	6.00pm
	Harvest Fest at Paradiso's Restaurant	6.30pm
	Choir	7.30pm
Oct 24	Fit for Service	9.30am
Oct 24	Celebration of Life - Justin Landers	1.00pm
Oct 25	Holy Distractions!	1.00pm
Oct 26	Worship.....	8am, 9.30am, 11.30am
	GIFT	9.30am
	Youth Group.....	6.30pm

Bridge Group

Our group will meet in the Preschool Room for a game of bridge, plus coffee and conversation. Join us on Monday, **October 20**.

Climate Justice

Our next gathering is Tuesday, **October 21** at 7pm in the Family Room.

Christmas Market: November 15

Please share the date with friends, family and neighbours. This year will feature the following: Baked Goods, the Bistro, Penny Sale, All Things Christmas, Crafts, Knit and Textiles, Awesome Artisans and a Silent Auction. Visit the Christmas Market table in the Atrium this Sunday to learn how you may participate.

Yard Cleanup

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, **November 8** at 9am for our Fall Yard Cleanup. If you are able to come, please let Stan Pearce know. He needs a team of at least 10-12 people.

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, please call 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).

Open Doors Harvest Fest

Thursday, **October 23** at 6.30pm in downtown Burlington at Paradiso's Restaurant (2041 Pine St), exclusively ours for the evening. Tickets on sale now at \$150 each (tax receipt available for non food and services portion). This is a meal to support Open Doors - our vital community hub, offering wraparound services. Enjoy a three-course prix fixe dinner, complete with red and white wine pairings. Live music, door prizes and the delight of giving back. Tickets are selling fast!.

Watercolour Wednesdays

Join acclaimed artist Cheryl Goldring on Wednesday, **November 5** 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! Cost is \$35 and all materials will be provided. Please register at staff@stcb.ca.

Burlington Mindfulness Group

The next meeting date is **October 22** at 7pm. Contacts are Sandy Amodio and Carole Caron at staff@stcb.ca. Everyone welcome.

Mental Health Care Partners' Support Group

Our next meeting is Monday, **November 3** at 7pm on Zoom or in-person. Please contact staff@stcb.ca or call 905.634.1809 for link connections.

Seniors' Social

This warm and wonderful group of seniors, meet **every Tuesday** afternoon at 2pm in the Family Room. Enjoy a time of refreshment, games and conversation.

Men's Cooking

The new joint Men's Cooking Group will meet on Monday, **November 3** at 9.30am in the kitchen.

Ginger Group

The Ginger Group will meet next on **October 20** at 11.30am. We will enjoy a delicious lunch together with stimulating conversation and a special beverage. \$15 per person is requested to cover expenses. The speaker at this event will be announced in the coming weeks.

Save the Date

Open Doors Harvest Fest	Thursday, Oct. 23
Holy Distractions! Workshop	Saturday, Oct. 25
RCCO Hallowe'en Concert	Sunday, Oct. 26
All Souls Service	Sunday, Nov. 2
Yard Clean Up	Saturday, Nov. 8
Christmas Market	Saturday, Nov. 15
Makers Market	Saturday, Nov. 29 NEW!

Open Door Programming

Soup-er Sunday

A variety of soups will be available for sale following this Sunday's 9.30am service, while quantities last.

Turkeys Needed

We are now collecting turkeys for the Christmas community meals. Please contact Jasmin at goodfood@stcb.ca to arrange drop off times.

Clothing Store

Now accepting fall coats and shoes in good condition. Please - adult and children's sizes.

Harvest Fest - Get your ticket now!

Last chance - Eventbrite or church office. Tickets will also be available in the Atrium following the 9.30am service (Oct 19).

