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Week of November 16, 2025

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

- **Dorothy Curto**, in loving memory of the mother of Lee Bush.
- Sterling Case, husband of Shirley Case.
- Ella & Joseph L. Case, parents of the late Sterling Case.
- Stanley, Everette, Kendall, Kenneth, Ernest, & Hedley Case, Edith Ross, Betsy Case, Roberta Palmer & Rita MacKay, brothers and sisters of the late Sterling Case.
- Allan Lennox, husband of Maryann, remembered with love by his family.
- Shiomi and Shiga family loved ones.
- **Donald Swackhammer**, in memory of a loved husband, by his wife Jane, daughters Stephanie, and Sarah, and grandchildren.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Timothy Hewitson Giova Gallagher Don Landers Candice Hughes Iolie laFrance Andrea Luxon Lynette Lekhram Darren Sousa Barbara McCallen Jillian Stewart Eva Perenyi Jeffrey McGurk Lindsay Stewart Jamie Bothwell Lorie Warren Winston Tinglin **Audrey Bowie** Katie Dyson Bev Ann Brown Paul Sousa Meghan Hamilton Amira Masri George Fletcher Naiomi Lekhram Lizzie Roberts Finnley Grigsby Tess Wiebe Nella Ford-Iones IoAnn Walsh

Anniversaries this week

Marion Gangasingh & Richard Hammann 22

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

All Sundays GIFT at 9.30am (3 and up)
Sunday, November 16 Kid's Club at 6.00pm (8-11)
Sunday, November 23 Youth Group at 6.30pm (12-18)

Jazz Vespers

Plan now to attend the next event on **Sunday, November 30.** Jazz Vespers will be followed by the **Tree Lighting** in our front garden. Light refreshments will follow. Invite friends, family and neighbours!

Fresh Christmas Tree Sales at St. Christopher's

Beginning November 29 in our front garden. Please contact the office to volunteer. There will be lots of opportunities!

Dear Friends,

The buzz is definitely noticeable at your church today – more and more people are arriving at the church to prepare for this weekend's Christmas Market. Right now, the weather looks good for Saturday. It's kind of exciting! I'm proud of the team, and grateful for all your work. If you're not bringing shoppers with you to the sale, would you please park behind Remax? As much as possible, we'd like to have parking available for shoppers. Thank you! I can't wait to see you on Saturday!

There are a couple of other events coming up this weekend that I'd like you to know about. On Sunday afternoon Andy Elmhirst and Joy Li are playing a piano recital. No cost to enter – we'll be collecting a freewill offering to support the Community Market. That's 4pm on November 16. At the same time, Bishop Susan will be admitting Winston Tinglin to the Order of Niagara over at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton. That service will be live-streamed at

https://www.youtube.com/user/NiagaraAnglican/featured.

Our farewell reception for Wojtek will happen during the regular 9.30am coffee hour on Sunday, November 23. If you are usually an 8 o'clock or an 11.30am person, please aim to arrive around 10.30am to take part in that farewell.

I haven't been promoting our Christmas Tree fundraiser especially vigorously during the run up to the Christmas Market. That means we will need to get Christmas Trees up to speed quite quickly! Please note the two dates for brief training sessions – those will be Saturday, November 22 at 2pm and Tuesday, November 25 at 7pm. We are planning 2-hour shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning November 29. Please help us sell, sell, sell!



Piano Recital

Join Andy Elmhirst and Joy Li on Sunday, November 16 at 4pm at St. Christopher's for beautiful live music. Proceeds will go to the Open Doors Community Market.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

What's Coming Up?

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Nov 16 Worship8am, 9.30am, 11.30am
GIFT9.30am
Piano Recital: Andy Elmhirst & Joy Li4.00pm
Nov 17 Fit for Service
Bridge2.00pm
Nov 18 Senior's Social2.00pm
Open Doors programming3.00pm
Climate Justice
Nov 19 Fit for Service
What's for Dinner5.00pm
St. Christopher's Connects7.00pm
Nov 20 Study with the Rector10.30am
Morning Eucharist11.30am
Seniors' Lunch12.00pm
Guitars6.00pm
Choir
Nov 22 Christmas Tree Sales-volunteer training2.30pm
Nov 23 Family Service & Farewell to Wojtek9.30am

Climate Justice Tip of the Week

Set your thermostat lower, for example, at 65 instead of 70. Give your furnace a break! Run a full dishwasher load on an economy cycle, if you have it. This takes less water than washing by hand. Don't run water when you don't need to.

Climate Justice Committee

Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 18 at 7pm

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.

Bridge Group

Our group will meet in the Preschool Room for a game of bridge, plus coffee and conversation. Join us on Monday, **November 17.**

Prayer Shawl Group

The next gathering is Thursday, **November 27** at 1pm in the Family Room. If you are curious about what this group does, please join a meeting.

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).
- 4 Also, there is now a tap machine on a stand in the Atrium. You can tap with your credit card or using your mobile phone or watch. Please use your mobile device to scan the QR code if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

Watercolour Wednesdays

Join acclaimed artist Cheryl Goldring on Wednesday, **December 3** 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 **November 26** 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, **December 1** at 7pm on Zoom or in-person. Please contact staff@stcb.ca or call 905.634.1809 for link connections.

Men's Cooking

The new combined Men's Cooking Group will meet on Monday, **December 1** at 9.30am in the kitchen.

Yard Cleanup - Thank you!

Special thanks to Stan Pearce and his team of hard-working volunteers who were present last Saturday. Many bags of leaves and debris were collected, shrubs and trees were pruned and our outside space was made ready for the winter months.

Sam LaGrande and her team of volunteers have now finished harvesting the garden produce and prepared the beds for winter. Who knew it would come so soon!

Farewell to Wojtek

If you wish to contribute to the wardens' purse, please take an envelope marked for Wojtek in the chair pockets, include your gift, and place in the collection box or bring to the office.

We will be celebrating with Wojtek and his family on Sunday, November 23 with a cake in the Great Hall after the 9.30am service. Plan to be with us on this morning!

Makers Market

Plan to come to our NEW market of vendors on Saturday, November 29 (9.30am-2.00pm). Begin or finish your Christmas shopping.

Save the Date

Piano Recital Sunday, Nov. 16 Farewell to Wojtek Sunday, Nov. 23

Makers Market Saturday, Nov. 29 **NEW!**

Jazz Vespers & Tree LightingSunday, Nov. 30Live Christmas Tree SalesDecemberBlue ChristmasSunday, Dec. 14Lessons & CarolsSunday, Dec. 21



Open Door Programming

Coldest Night of the Year

If you want to be part of the planning, reach out to Shannon at opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca. Save the date: Sat. February 28, 2026.

Souper Sunday - November 23

Plan to stock up on soup, following the 9.30am service.

Community Market Items Needed

condiments, sugar, baking supplies, adult incontinence underwear, canned meat, salt and pepper.