



Fall Worship Schedule

8.00am | 9.30am | 11.30am

Children's programming (G.I.F.T.) is available for children age 3 and up during the 9.30am service.

Thursday Mornings

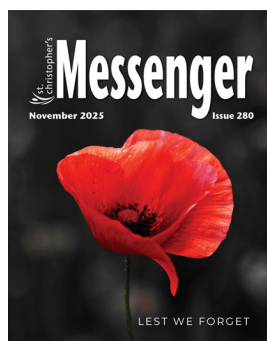
Join us each Thursday morning for a study with our rector and morning eucharist, beginning at 10.30am. A delicious lunch is served at 12noon.

Children and Youth

Sunday, Nov 16 Kid's Club at 6.00pm (8-11)
Sunday, Nov 23 Youth Group at 6.30pm (12-18)

Church Office

For information about St. Christopher's or Open Doors, please call 905.634.1809. (9am-4.30pm M-Th and 9am-12noon F). Our clergy may be reached at 289.427.0623 for a pastoral emergency.



November
Messenger
now online
Check it out!
OR
pick up your copy in
the Atrium!

Dear Friends,

Some of you may not have heard Bishop Susan's letter read in church last Sunday announcing Wojtek's appointment to St. Barnabas in St Catharines commencing November 24. We knew from the start that Wojtek's time at St. Christopher's would be shorter than we'd like. We will miss his caring, his love for teaching, his occasional musicianship, and his humour. The Wardens are collecting a purse for Wojtek, which we will present on November 23rd, Wojtek's last Sunday with us.

I want to thank you for your prompt response to our call for donations for hurricane relief in Jamaica. The small crew who came to the church yesterday afternoon to pick up and deliver your donations of food, clothing and bedding were sincerely moved by your generosity. Your gifts make a real difference. Thank you.

Please note these upcoming dates: The fall property cleanup happens this Saturday, November 8, at 9am. We observe Remembrance Sunday at all services on November 9. The church office will be closed from 10am – 1pm on Tuesday November 11. Part one of St. Christopher's Connects runs on Wednesday November 12 at 7pm. The Christmas Market is coming your way on Saturday November 15 – doors open at 8am. Joy Li and Andy Elmhirst are playing a recital at St. Christopher's on November 16 at 4pm. Also on November 16 at 4pm, Bishop Susan will admit Winston Tinglin to the Order of Niagara at Christ's Church Cathedral.

Penny



Christmas Market

• Visit and Volunteer

The Market is a wonderful time to make new friends, as well as spend time with familiar faces and welcome guests to our facility. If you are able to volunteer, come to the table in the atrium and we will find a spot that suits you. If you prefer to be a shopper that is most welcome too! Bring family and friends - we have something for everyone.

• Silent Auction

This year we will be offering a Silent Auction with a few select items of greater value. Two things of particular interest might be:

Handmade basket and 2 ceramic mugs with assorted coffee and sweets
Flight for 2 passengers over Niagara Falls".

• Bistro

The Bistro will be offering coffee and muffins from 8 am to 1 pm. Breakfast is \$12, served from 8-11 am, choice of scrambled eggs or pancakes, with sausage, hash browns, toast, and beverage. Lunch is served 11.30 am to 1 pm, and you can choose 2 items for \$10, or 3 for \$15 to go with your beverage. Options are spinach salad, vegetable soup, and grilled cheese sandwich.

• Baking

It is that time of year again - we need everyone to get out their baking trays and make square and cookies for our Christmas Market bake tables. Some recipes are available in the Atrium. Baked goods may be dropped off on Thurs. Nov. 13 from 4-7pm and Fri. Nov. 14 from 9am-2pm. Questions? Speak with Sandi Smith (staff@stcb.ca). IMPORTANT: Please name label your baking and fill out the book when you drop off.

• Jams & Pickles

Our preserving team has been busy over the summer and will be offering the best of the harvest with many varieties of your favourite jams, jellies, pickles, chili sauce, hot sauce and more. Select Christmas gifts for those special people in your life or stock your own shelves!

• Penny Sale

There will be many unique articles to choose from this year. Bid on a selection of items to enhance your decor, update your wardrobe, give a gift and more.

• Christmas and More!

One can never have too much Christmas! There will be something here that you didn't know you needed! The Family Room is transformed and definitely worth a walk through

• Artisans

In 2025 we welcome Cheryl Goldring, Shelby & Jan Hemming, Roxane Hendrie, Rodney Lott, Sue Nicolls, Joanne Paasjim Wright and Sabrina Yott. Be sure to see what new, and old things, they have designed and crafted. They may have the perfect thing for your Christmas list.

• Fresh Décor

Gail Grant and her team are busy creating one-of-a-kind items for your doors, walls, cupboards, counters. Don't have time to make your own fresh decor? Come early - before they sell out!

• Knitted Goods

Back by popular demand, our knitters have created a wide variety of hats, mitts, socks, blankets, and many miscellaneous pieces. Again, please come early for the best choice in gifts.



Christmas MARKET



NOVEMBER

15

8.00AM-1.00PM

Baked Goods • Jams & Pickles • Hot Breakfast/Lunch
Penny Sale • Silent Auction • Handcrafted Items • All Things Christmas

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7 Nov 2025



Burlington Civic Chorale Concert - Sat. Nov. 8

Please join the Burlington Civic Chorale for their fall '25 concert: "Shakespeare In Music", various choral settings to the lyrics of William Shakespeare. We will be joined by harp and horn singing nineteenth and present-day settings of lines from various Shakespearian plays and poetry. We have a number of performers who call St. Christopher's home so come out and support their talents. Saturday, November 8th at **3 pm** at St. Christopher's. Tickets can be purchased in advance through Eventbrite, at a Different Drummer Bookstore or from members of the choir: \$30 each.

Bridge Group

Our group will meet in the Preschool Room with coffee and conversation. Next meeting: Monday, November 17 at 2pm.

Men's Cooking Group

Cooking Groups Combined will meet in the fall. The next gathering is scheduled for Monday, December 1 at 9.30am.



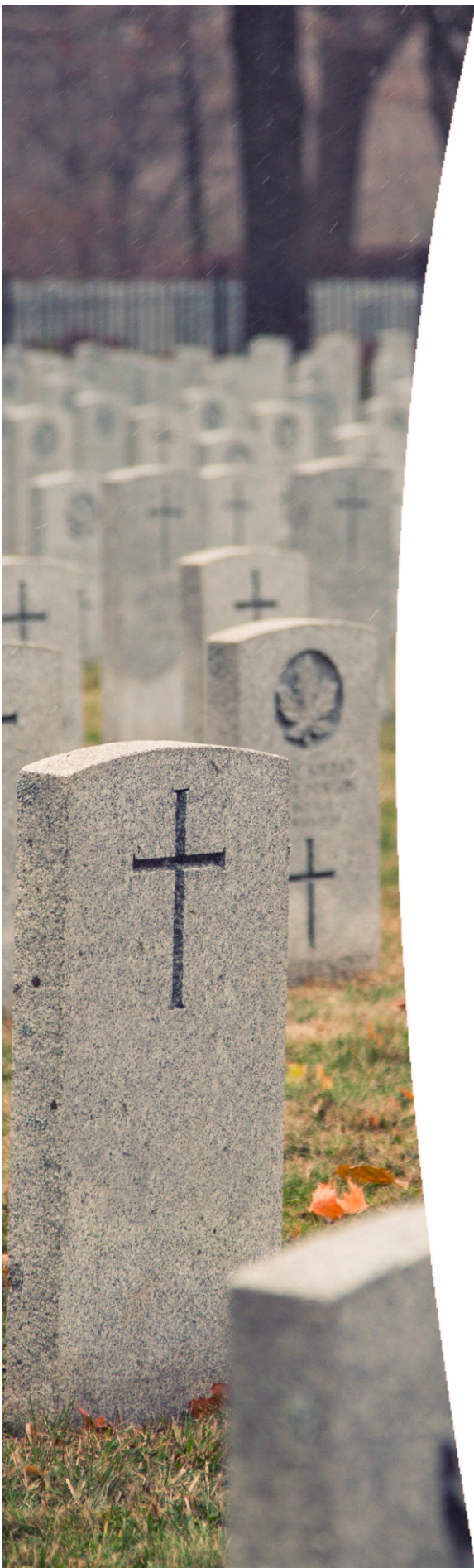
Mental Health Care Partners' Support Group

Our next meeting is Monday, December 1 with Sylvia and Carole at 7pm in-person. Please contact staff@stcb.ca or call 905.634.1809 for link connections.



Burlington Mindfulness

Next meeting: November 12 and 26 at 7.00pm All are welcome. Please forward any questions to Sandy and Carole at staff@stcb.ca.



JAZZ VESPERS

PRESENTS

A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas



Jim Sandilands
Bass



Bill McBirnie
Flute



Tim Shia
Drums



Shannon Butcher
Vocals



Matt Newton
Piano

Sunday
14 December
2025

Saint Paul's
Westdale

1140 King St. West
Hamilton, ON L8S 1M1

4.00pm
Free Will
Offering

Hurricane Melissa – Jamaica

Amazing Grace! St. Christopher's did it again!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who rallied around so generously and contributed donated goods – food, clothing, bed linen and household items of various kinds – to help provide relief to people in Jamaica, many of whom lost everything in the recent hurricane. Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, hit Jamaica with winds of over 297 km. per hour and caused extensive damage across the island, leaving many people homeless.

Your enthusiastic response to last Sunday's appeal was simply incredible! We collected enough bags to fill a full-sized car and an SUV, twice over. (Yes, it took two trips to get the job done.) Donations were gratefully received by the Afro-Canadian Caribbean Association (ACCA) at their community centre on Barton Street in Hamilton. They are one of the centres designated by the Jamaican Consulate to receive donated goods to be transferred to Jamaica.

Thank you all for your wonderful support! Regarding monetary donations, these can be made on-line: go to the Canada Helps website; the designated charity is the Jamaican Canadian Association. Please specify your donation is for the Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund.



PIANO RECITAL

In support of the Open Doors Foodbank



Joy Li



Andrew Elmhirst

Sunday
16 November
2025

St. Christopher's
662 Guelph Line
Burlington

4.00pm
Free Will
Offering



Live Christmas Trees

Nova Scotia Balsam



Information at: www.stcb.ca
905.634.1809

Beginning November 29
While Quantities Last

St. Christopher's Church | 662 Guelph Line, Burlington

7 Nov 2025

Kitchen Volunteers needed



Fall Maker's Market

Saturday | 29 November | 9.30am - 2.00pm

662 Guelph Line, Burlington, ON L7R 3M8

905.634.1809 | stcb.ca

Enjoy the wares of a variety of artists and craftspeople including:
baked goods, honey and related food, leather items, cards, coasters, birdhouses
and woodcraft, acrylic paintings, jewellery, crocheted items, scarves,
tea towels, Christmas crafts, books, cookware and more...

Plus light refreshments AND live Christmas Tree sales in our front garden.
You won't want to miss this event - mark your calendars now!

JAZZ VESPERS



IT'S LIT

TREE LIGHTING TO FOLLOW



Melissa Hiltz
Vocals



Matt Newton
Piano



Tim Shia
Drums



Jim Sandilands
Bass



Shawn Nykwist
Sax

Sunday
30 November
2025

St. Christopher's
662 Guelph Line
Burlington

4.00pm
Free Will
Offering



Next Meeting

Tuesday | November 18 | 7.00pm

Tip of the Week

Wash and reuse plastic bags. Dry them over an empty bottle. Reuse aluminum foil. Instead of using plastic wrap, cover leftovers with a plate or other reusable cover.

Ginger Group

If you missed the last gathering be sure to put Monday, December 8 on your calendar now for the annual Christmas edition of Ginger Group. Bring your best singing voice for Carols with Andy and John and wear your Christmas sweater or hat! The festivities begin at 11.30am with a beverage and good conversation. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

We look forward in the New Year to topics such as Hearing Loss in Seniors and Guide and Service Dogs. Dates to remember are Monday, February 16 and March 16.

Order of Niagara

We are so pleased that Bishop Susan is admitting Winston Tinglin to the Order of Niagara this year. This honour recognized Winston's generous and gifted leadership in our congregation and in our region. The Order of Niagara service will take place at 4pm on November 16 at Christ's Church Cathedral. Please congratulate Winston when you see him.

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!

Mark Your Calendar ...

Yard Clean Up	Sat. Nov. 8
Christmas Market	Sat. Nov. 15
Piano Recital	Sun. Nov. 16
Farewell to Wojtek	Sun. Nov. 23
Makers Market	Sat. Nov. 29
Live Christmas Tree Sales	December
Blue Christmas	Sun. Dec. 14
Lessons & Carols	Sun. Dec. 21



If you want to be part of the planning reach out to Shannon at opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca

Save the date

it's cold out there



Saturday | 28 February | 2026


OPEN DOORS
every person. every table.

COMMUNITY MARKET SHOPPING LIST
MOST NEEDED ITEMS
PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE WITHIN BEST BEFORE DATES

☐ Sugar	☐ Baking supplies
☐ Condiments	☐ Salt and Pepper
☐ Adult Diapers	☐ Canned fruit and vegetables



WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Join our Good Food Coordinator for a fun, educational cooking class. Classes are \$35 each, and can be paid in the office. Sign up with your friends, family, coworkers!

Nov 19th
Christmas Baking





On this Sunday we gave thanks for the lives of:

- **John & Barb Phillips**, remembered with love by their family.

Happy Birthday

from St. Christopher's Church community.
May God's favour and blessing travel with you during the coming year.

Liz Baldwin
Tom Nicol
Don Walker

Sandi Remedios
Charlotte Keyes
Marjory MacKinnon

Jennifer Turney
Deborah Portelli
Diane Younger



Happy Anniversary from
St. Christopher's Church community.
With God's blessing we wish you every joy,
as you journey through life together.

Don & Louise Walker

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Remembrances, Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you would like us to remember a special date with you and your family, please share it with us. Your names will appear here on the chosen date. (Remembrances should be registered with Carol Henley at staff@stcb.ca for a Memorial Flower commemoration.)

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 stcb.ca and choose "Donate" (top right). Options there 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 credited.
- 3 E-transfer from your bank account to this email address: acctg@stcb.ca
- 4 Phone the church - we can receive your credit card information over the phone and process the transaction.
- 5 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.

If you no longer wish to receive emails from St. Christopher's, please reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.