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Week of November 9, 2025

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

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

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Liz Baldwin	Sandi Remedios	Jennifer Turney
Tom Nicol	Charlotte Keyes	Deborah Portelli
Don Walker	Marjory MacKinnon	Diane Younger

Anniversaries this week

Don & Louise Walker 52

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)

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.

Live 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,

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.

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.

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!

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

What's Coming Up?

Nov 9	Worship.....	8am, 9.30am, 11.30am
	GIFT	9.30am
Nov 10	Fit for Service	9.30am
Nov 11	Senior's Social	2.00pm
	Open Doors programming.....	3.00pm
Nov 12	Fit for Service	9.30am
	Burlington Mindfulness.....	7.00pm
	St. Christopher's Connects.....	7.00pm
Nov 13	Study with the Rector	10.30am
	Morning Eucharist	11.30am
	Seniors' Lunch	12.00pm
	Guitars	6.00pm
	Choir	7.30pm
Nov 14	Christmas Market setup and prep.....	10.00am
Nov.15	Christmas Market.....	8.00am
Nov.16	Piano Recital - Andy Elmhirst & Joy Li	4.00pm

Christmas Market: November 15 (8am-1pm)

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, Jams & Pickles, Awesome Artisans, and a Silent Auction.

Calling All Volunteers...

Our Christmas Market is in just 1 week! Please read your bulletin insert and visit the sign-up tables in the Atrium on Sunday morning. There is a place for you to participate in this festive annual event!

Christmas Market Baking

Baked goods may be dropped off on Thurs. Nov. 13 from 4-8pm 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

Climate Justice 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.

Climate Justice Committee

Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 18 at 7pm

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 12 & 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 joint Men's Cooking Group will meet on Monday, **December 1** at 9.30am in the kitchen.

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.

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

Christmas Market	Saturday, Nov. 15
Piano Recital	Sunday, Nov. 16
Farewell to Wojtek	Sunday, Nov. 23
Makers Market	Saturday, Nov. 29 NEW!
Jazz Vespers & Tree Lighting	Sunday, Nov. 30
Live Christmas Tree Sales	December
Blue Christmas	Sunday, Dec. 14
Lessons & Carols	Sunday, 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.

What's for Dinner?

Come for a fun educational cooking class. Cost is \$35. Sign up with friends, family, coworkers! Next event: Wed. Nov. 19 5.00-7.00pm Christmas Baking.

Community Market Items Needed

condiments, sugar, baking supplies, adult diapers, canned fruit and vegetables, salt and pepper.

