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Week of May 3, 2026

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

- Robert & Jean Anthony, Lucy & Arthur Best, all lovingly remembered by their children Gerry & Dot Anthony, their grandchildren Debbie, Lisa, and Suzanne, and their great grandchildren Matthew, Jolie, and Austin.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

- Sarah Rose Neelands, Aidan Robson, Barb Smith, Celia Klukach, Daniel Quarrington, Madison Stratton, Jim Wright, Bill German, Fran Wallace, Jack Armitage, Cathy Stokes, Bob Andrew, Kathryn Fielding, Matthew Hartog, Nancy Baldwin, Jack Cobb, Paul Thomas

Anniversaries this week

- Erick & Karene Nettel, George & Linda Novakovich, Victoria & Ron Faubert, James & Kathy Watson, Duncan & Debra Quarrington

Children & Youth

Sundays at 9.30am - GIFT children's program. The theme for this next term is "Faith from the Inside Out", with a nod to the popular "Inside Out" movie.

Sunday, May 3 at 6.30pm Youth Group

Thursdays Mornings

Join the rector for a study in the Family Room each Thursday at 10.30am. A service of Morning Eucharist follows at 11.30am in the sanctuary. Lunch is served at 12 noon. Please join us.

Study 10.30am | Service 11.30am | Lunch 12pm

Seed Giveaway

There are still packets of a wide variety of seeds available from our Pollinator Event last Sunday. Please help yourself at the Climate Justice table in the Atrium on Sunday morning.

Dear Friends,

I want to shout out a couple of groups who hosted events last weekend. On Saturday the Accessibility Committee presented another instalment in its education series, this time "Living to Support Living with Alzheimer's." The speaker from the Alzheimer's Society was extremely skilled, wrapping our learning about dementia, tips for care partners, and strategies to promote our own brain health with ample humour. Engagement with Ms. Saeed's presentation was lively! Then on Sunday the Climate Justice committee presented an immersive learning experience around creating conditions for pollinators to flourish. It was an excellent way for St. Christopher's to observe Earth Day. Thank you to both groups!

We are publishing the May Messenger today. It is full of news and information! I want to mention just three events out of the many opportunities coming your way. Please take note of the flag raising on May 17 at 11am, Jazz Vespers on May 17 at 4pm, and Music in the Garden on May 22 at 6pm. We'll be seeing you!

Penny

St. Christopher's Connects

Your'e invited!

Please join Penny for a two-part series to find out about the many ways you can connect with our congregation. It's an opportunity to meet some St. Christopher's people. And it's a chance to ask questions and find out more about how things work at our church.

These two evenings are designed for people who have recently arrived at St. Christopher's, but they are open to anyone who wants to know more about our church, and anyone who want to find new ways to connect at St. Christopher's!

Please mark your calendar and plan to join Penny at the church on Wednesday, May 6 at 7pm, and Wednesday, May 13 at 7pm.

Music in the Garden

Potluck dinner & beautiful music from the St. Christopher's Choir

Friday | 22 May | 6.00pm

Help to fill the Wheelbarrow of Summer Fun (Atrium). Raffle to be held the night of the event.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Save the Date

- Music in the Garden: Friday, May 22; Spring Cleanup: Saturday, May 23; Pride in the Park, Milton: Sunday, July 19; Fun in the Sun Camp: July 20-24; Open Doors Gala: Late August; Golf Tournament: Friday, Oct. 2

What's on this week ...

May 3	Worship	8.00am, 9.30, 11.30am
	GIFT	9.30am
	Youth Group	6.30pm
May 4	Fit for Service	9.30am
	Mental Health Care Partners Support.....	7.00pm
May 5	Seniors Social	2.00pm
	Open Doors Programming.....	3.00pm
May 6	Fit for Service	9.30am
	Watercolour Wednesday.....	12.00pm
	Golf Tournament Planning Group	2.00pm
	St. Christopher's Connects.....	7.00pm
	MAP on Zoom.....	7.00pm
May 7	Study.....	10.30am
	Morning Eucharist	11.30am
	Seniors' Lunch.....	12.00pm
	Choir.....	7.30pm
May 8	Fit for Service	9.30am
May 9	Burlington Civic Chorale Concert.....	3.00pm

Jazz Vespers

Don't miss the next event on **Sunday, May 17 at 4pm**. If you missed the April event featuring Pat LeBarbera on saxophone, you may still see it on our YouTube channel. Light refreshments follow the event. This is the perfect chance to invite friends, family and neighbours!

Watercolour Wednesdays

Join acclaimed artist Cheryl Goldring on Wednesday, **May 6** at noon for an afternoon of watercolour painting. (*rescheduled*) If you have never painted before, you will be genuinely surprised at what you can accomplish among friends! Cost is \$40 and all materials will be provided. **Please register** at staff@stcb.ca.

Mental Health Care Partners' Support Group

Our next meeting is Monday, **May 4** at 7pm on Zoom or in-person. Please contact staff@stcb.ca or call 905.634.1809 for link connections.

Repair Café

Bring It or Fix It - for Free!

Volunteers help you fix broken household items

Saturday, May 16 from 10am - 2pm

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.

Bridge Group

Our group will meet in the Preschool Room for a game of bridge on **May 11 & 25**.

Men's Cooking

The new combined Men's Cooking Group will meet on Monday, **May 11** at 9.30am in the kitchen.

Burlington Mindfulness Group

The next meeting date is **May 13 and 27** at 7pm. Contacts are Sandy Amodio and Carole Caron at staff@stcb.ca. Everyone welcome.

Ginger Group

The next event will be held on **Monday, May 25** beginning at 11.30am, with a beverage and good conversation. Lunch will be served at 12noon. Cost is \$15. The next meeting will feature Shannon Shuell and Open Doors. Future Topics include: The Royal Botanical Gardens, Service Dogs and the Canadian Space Agency.

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. Please contact staff@stcb.ca for details..

Flag Raising

Please join us in the front garden on Sunday, May 17 at 11 am. We will be saying prayers and raising the Pride flag to observe the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. The timing gives 9.30am people a chance to visit the caffeine station after church, and it means 11.30am people only need to set the alarm a little bit earlier than usual! Meet you by the flag pole!

Spring Cleanup

Join Chris Jones and friends on Saturday, May 23 from 9am. We will be clearing debris and garbage from the property perimeter and filling potholes.

Burlington Civic Chorale presents "Words To Sing By"

The same lyrics set by different composers since the 16th century - music by Byrd, Mozart, Vittoria, Lauridsen, Antognini, Hogan and Moore

The Burlington Civic Chorale's last concert of the season, is **Saturday, May 9 at 3pm** at St. Christopher's The concert features the same lyrics set by different composers from the sixteenth century to the present day. Tickets are \$30 at the door or in advance at the Different Drummer Bookstore or on Eventbrite.

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.

Open Door Programming

Clothing Store

Our clothing store is now in need of underwear for...

- Men
- Women
- Children

Community Market Donations Needed

- canned vegetables, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meat

