



# Connections

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*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Mark 11: 9, 10*

## Children's Ministry Conference brings surprise award

On Saturday, November 7, several members of Christ Church's Sunday School teaching team attended the 10th annual Children's Ministry Conference arranged by Wycliffe College. In the past, attendees travelled downtown to the University of Toronto to participate, but this year all learning was online, which engaged 500 interested folks from right across Canada.

All workshops disseminated very relevant ideas on how Children's Ministries can go forward in pandemic times. Reimagining teaching children, no longer on site but online instead, takes very different skills to enter this new reality.

Our own Sunday School students have been learning online since the summer time and as we continue to grow together in Christ, we thank Christ Church for the support you gave us to attend this very worthwhile conference.

May this new knowledge be a blessing to our students.

*Miriam Mifsud*

And from Pastor Pam:

Before the conference began, I nominated Deb Anthony for the Sladen Award for Volunteer Excellence. This award is designed to recognize and encourage an individual who demonstrates excellence in contributions to Children's ministry in a volunteer position. There was just one award for volunteers and Deb won!! Not only is this a high honour and offers

deserved recognition, she will also receive a \$100 gift card from Amazon. We congratulate you Deb!

*Below find the submission:*

First and foremost I want to honour Deb for her call to and her diligence in faithfully praying for the children of the church and for using her gifts to build the children's ministry at Christ Church. She was the spark that reinstated the non-

existent Sunday School more than three years ago. Her faith in God, her past experience in ministry and her creativity, made it happen. What a great Sunday School Coordinator. She has been a collaborator from the start and one with great ideas and follow-through (you

should've seen the children's Easter newsletter, Mother's and Father's day celebrations and the Christmas pageants...incredible!).

You can imagine that this has been such an encouragement to the church body and to me. There are many more families attending Christ Church due to the ministry of the Sunday School. For Deb it has always been about her love for the children and their growth in their knowledge of God and in following Jesus.

I would be amiss if I did not inform you that she has been a leader in the spiritual formation of children while battling cancer - with treatments that would have made any other person sit on the sidelines.

Not Deb! Her faith has carried her and her service, during a time of great personal trouble, is outstanding.



# Making sense of the "new normal"

Six months ago the phrase "in-person" was not part of our vocabulary. Nor was pandemic. Nor "new normal". We didn't talk about "social distancing" or "contact tracing".

Now, after eight weeks of permission to open our building so we can worship together "in-person", what's it like?

It's different. Wear a mask. Sanitize your hands. Choose a seat that maintains your social distance from the next person (except for couples and people in the same "bubble" (another new word). Can't sing hymns. Communion without wine, brought to you where you are seated. Enter by the front



**As this issue of Connections is being written, it's mid-November and 20 degrees outside. Hard to believe that winter and Christmas are just around the corner!**

**Our Worship Committee is already planning for the special services as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. They will be at 7 pm on Christmas Eve and 10:15 on Christmas Day. Both will be Eucharistic celebrations, with music in the evening and a said liturgy in the morning.**

**2020 will be different. There will be limitations on how many people can attend each service. Considering that many people who are not regular churchgoers come to church to share Christmas with our fellowship, it is important that we know when you plan to attend or if you will be joining us online. Space will be reserved on a priority basis, first come, first served. A separate registration record must be kept for contact tracing purposes, according to provincial guidelines, so please let the Christ Church office know by telephone or email your intentions and how many people you will bring with you.**

**Call Parish Administrator Ellen at 416-261-4169 and leave a message or email her at [office@christchurchscarborough.com](mailto:office@christchurchscarborough.com)**

door; exit by the side door. The whole church is sanitized after each service.

They say Anglicans can't change? But members of the fellowship arrive every Sunday, listen to scripture read and preached, pray together, nurture each others' faith, and leave for home fortified with a sense of joy, peace and hope in their hearts.

They are fewer than usual. Many of our older church family have reasonably decided that the risk from a warlike virus is dangerous enough to stay home. But they maintain the fellowship togetherness by worshipping virtually through our online service (another new phrase).

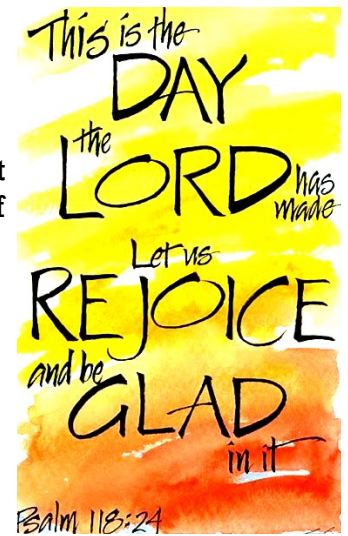
What are the numbers? At 8:30, 28 different people worshipped (almost all more than once) for an average of 18. At 10:15 38 people worshipped (almost all more than once) for an average of 20.

Of our 85 members who have not been to church, 30 do not have the facility to worship online, so this contact is maintained through our twice-monthly *Connections*, our quarterly *Parish Window* and personal phone calls \*.

So Christ Church Scarborough Village is alive, worshipping and praising God.

*Fr Roy*

for the Task Force on Reopening



\* We are in desperate need of at least six more parishioners to be a "keeper in touch" and make five phone calls a week to fellow worshippers who might feel isolated during this difficult time.

If you can help meet this need, please call Father Roy at 416-269-1506 or e-mail [revroyshep@gmail.com](mailto:revroyshep@gmail.com)



## INTERESTED?

Don't you think that gathering info about what people want or need during this time of the pandemic is a better modus operandi than, "if you build it, they will come".

With that in mind, are you interested in joining in an evening midweek online (or call -in) Zoom gathering to look at Advent themes?

If you are, please let Pastor Pam know by November 25th. I am happy to organize what I hope would be a meaningful way to connect with God, each other and prepare our hearts for Christmas.



*Please pray for these members of our community and their families*

Anita F	James Y
Anna Mary K	Jenille L
Anne S	Joan N
Annet K	John J
Beverly Barber	Kathleen
Christina & Joshua	Ken K
Corinne P	Lennox & Leonora Y
Crisent T	Leonora B
Deb A	Linda & Robert E
Deborah T	Margaret B
Ebun D	Maureen C
Gwen P	Robbie & Bev R
	Sherri-Ann & Ron

*and for all those affected by COVID-19, racial discrimination or any injustice*

### November 22 - The Reign of Christ

Christians have long celebrated Jesus as Christ, and his reign as king is celebrated to some degree in [Advent](#) (when Christians wait for his second coming in glory), [Christmas](#) (when "born this day is the King of the Jews"), [Holy Week](#) (when Christ is the Crucified King), [Easter](#) (when Jesus is resurrected in power and glory), and the [Ascension](#) (when Jesus returns to the glory he had with the Father before the world was created).

In the twenty-first century many Christians celebrate Christ as a king. In some churches, "king" language is not popular, and the feast is downplayed. However, in a chaotic and unjust world that seems to scorn any kind of authority, many Christians proudly celebrate Christ as king on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, when the merciful and just king of the universe is glorified.

At Christ Church Scarborough, we also celebrate on this day the grace of God which led our ancestors to plant the faith in this place and sanctify it by prayer and praise over many generations.

### Scripture readings

#### November 15

Zephaniah 1:7 and 12 to 18

Psalm 90:1 to 8 and 12

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 to 11

Matthew 25:14 to 30

#### November 22 (Our Patronal Festival)

Ezekiel 34: 11 to 16 and 20 to 24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1: 15 to 23

Matthew 25: 31 to 46

#### November 29 (First Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 64: 1 to 9

Psalm 80: 1 to 7 and 17 to 19

1 Corinthians 1: 3 to 9

Mark 13: 24 to 37



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# A Different Kind of Advent Calendar

As our Deacon's Cupboard continues to serve between 45 and 50 families each week, and

collect food for four weeks, until December 20, that will give us time to sort everything and have it available for those who will come on December 24 seeking food for the holidays.

as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our usual shopping activities, we would like to begin our traditional Christmas Food Drive a little earlier this year. We have therefore chosen a new way to do that.

If you are not currently attending church in person or cannot drop off the food, either on Saturday mornings between 9 and 10 am at the side door while Chancel Guild is in, or Wednesday mornings when the food bank volunteers are setting up between 9 and 11 am, please contact Deacon Jacquie at 416.264.4726 or [jacquie.boutheon@sympatico.ca](mailto:jacquie.boutheon@sympatico.ca) and we will arrange for a pick-up.

Please take a look at this "Deacon's Cupboard Advent Calendar", and start collecting the items as of November 22, the feast of Reign of Christ and our patronal festival. If you can

## DEACON'S CUPBOARD ADVENT CALENDAR

Find a large box.

Every day, beginning on November 22, add the item listed below for that day to your box. Continue daily until December 20, and then bring your box to Christ Church to be distributed to our food bank clients. If you can't get your box to the church, we will pick it up.

*Share the joy of Christmas feasting with our less fortunate neighbours!*

### November

Sun	22	Box of cereal
Mon	23	Jar of peanut butter
Tues	24	Box of stuffing mix
Wed	25	Macaroni & cheese
Thurs	26	Canned fruit
Fri	27	Canned tomatoes
Sat	28	Can of tuna

Sat	5	Box of pasta
Sun	6	Jar of pasta sauce
Mon	7	Can of chicken soup
Tues	8	Can of tomato soup
Wed	9	Box of crackers
Thurs	10	Canned sweet potatoes
Fri	11	Can of green beans
Sat	12	Bag of Christmas candy
Sun	13	Box of candy canes
Mon	14	Jar of jam
Tues	15	Can of apple juice
Wed	16	Can of corn
Thurs	17	Cake mix w frosting
Fri	18	Box of cookies
Sat	19	Doggie treats
Sun	20	Jelly powder

### (Advent begins)

Sun	29	Jar of applesauce
Mon	30	Cranberry sauce

### December

Tues	1	Canned beans
Wed	2	Box of crackers
Thurs	3	Package of rice
Fri	4	Box of oatmeal

*Thank you!*



## Planet Earth - God's Creation - Ours to Protect

On November 29th join us for a fun Youth Group Activity session filled with entertaining games. In this mostly student-run group our objective is to bridge the gap of social-distancing while sharing about global issues and concepts from the Bible.

The topic for this month is climate change. The meeting will take place virtually through Zoom on November 29 from 3:00 pm to 4:15.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85749859405>pwd=OGxMMWN5Zno0SUhV

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Meeting ID: 857 4985 9405



### **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FLOWERS?**

Since the church has been re-opened for in-person worship, the lovely tradition of placing flowers at the altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings received is once again possible.

After the Sunday services are over, the Chancel Guild arranges for these flowers to be taken to someone who is ill or homebound or, in these times when so many people are self-isolating, to a family whose presence we miss. We share in many ways; this is one of the most beautiful.

### **REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER**

#### **We can now receive your offering by E-transfer**

About 15 parishioners are now sending their offering by E-transfer. If you are interested in joining them, here is how to do it. This method may appeal to parishioners who already use on-line banking. If so, please use the following instructions to set up Christ Church as a contact:

Name: Christ Church Scarborough

E-mail address: [cw-christchurchscarborough@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:cw-christchurchscarborough@toronto.anglican.ca)

Currently a security question is required. The suggested security question is

What is this for?

Answer: offering (all lower caps)

Note: If you use a different security question/answer you will need to let me know the answer by sending me an e-mail at [Ian-Campbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:Ian-Campbell@sympatico.ca).

**Important: Put your envelope # and any allocation information in the message area.** This is very important to ensure that your offering is credited to the right person/family, and allocated as you intend. The following short forms may be used:

Env# XXX Reg \$XX FW \$XX DC \$XX Cap \$XX FL \$XX CP \$XX

Where Reg = regular offering, FW = Faithworks, DC = Deacon's Cupboard, Cap = Rejuvenate Capital Campaign, FL = Flowers, CP = Candle of Presence.

If you have questions, or are interested in further information about on-line banking or e-transfers, send me an e-mail at [Ian-Campbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:Ian-Campbell@sympatico.ca) or telephone me at 416-265-5995.

