



Connections

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Ephesians 1: 17, 18

**SPECIAL
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New Season - New Fellowship

September 13, 2020 will mark one of the most unusual days in the long history of Christ Church Scarborough Village.

For several months we have been denied the great privilege of seeing Pastor Pam at the altar, reverently symbolizing with wafer and wine Jesus' sacrifice made so long ago. In normal times we would hear the Prayer of Consecration as a familiar reminder of the treasure offered to us, imperfect as we are. But on this day in September the words of that prayer will have renewed meaning, because we have not heard them for so long. The depth and passion of God's love for us will be eloquently demonstrated, perhaps as never before.

The Creator of all that exists became a human being in the person of Jesus?

Yes.

He was willing to be killed to redeem those he had created?

Yes.

"This is my body, given for you."

For you, for me, for all who came before us and for all who will come after.

We will receive the bread, and it will be the Bread of Life that we will receive, given that we may live together in freedom and peace and in the fellowship of believers that is Christ Church.

*Surely the presence of the Lord
is in this place.*

*I can feel his mighty power
and his grace.*

I can feel the brush of angels' wings.

I see glory on each face.

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New Season - New Sharing

The Christ Church Sunday School is about to meet again! Our first class will be on Sunday September, 20 at 10:15 a.m. There will be some necessary accommodations made due to the Coronavirus, which may cause us to meet in a larger room, where social distancing and disinfecting will be carefully carried out.

We will welcome back our students, who are now asked to wear a mask and bring a pencil case with their own supplies. Shortly Deb will be getting in touch with each family with more registration details.

Miriam Mifsud for the teachers



New Season - New Adventure

“ I don't like it !” “ You mean I have to register to go to church? That's crazy”

These are just two of the comments I have heard in the past few weeks, as the members of the fellowship of Christ Church stare at a 'Registration Form'.

THE DOORS WERE CLOSED

By Law in March we had to close our doors – no worship, no activities of any kind. By faith and blessing, we were able to continue our fellowship through online worship, including home hymn singing, inspiring preaching, zoom coffee hours, hundreds of phone calls, and bi-weekly issues of Connections.

THE LAW HAS BEEN MODIFIED

Now the Law has been modified so that we can once again gather to worship. For Public Health reasons, our worship must maintain social distancing, wear masks and keep everything free of Covid-19 through aggressive sanitizing. (personal note-I'm really going to miss singing hymns) Our plans for re-opening our in-person worship have placed a priority on the safety of every person attending.



ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE REQUIRED

The Law also requires that we keep attendance records for possible contact tracing at every service and retain these records for three years safely and in confidence; that's a major Public Health initiative that we should all applaud! We have chosen to have Pre-Worship Registration for a number of reasons;

- you are guaranteed a seat in the worship area
- our contact tracing record can be prepared ahead of time, eliminating delays as you enter the church
- due to the 'limited seating' determined by social distancing, parish leaders need to control our attendance, leaving some space for your guests or visitors.

How long will these conditions last? We don't know, and it's not something we should fret about.

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS

In the meantime, with the presence and power of the Lord and the faith and love of our fellow Christ Church members, Sunday September 13 will be the start of a new and exciting journey. Whether you'll be with us on Markham Road or worshipping and praising at home, we need to know.

YOUR CHOICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

As of August 27 we have heard from only one-third of the people on our parish list, and time is growing short for good planning.

If you have not yet called the church office, emailed or sent in your Registration Form, please do so today.

Shalom ! God's richest blessings.

Father Roy

for the Re-opening Task Force

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NO ZOOM COFFEE HOUR ON AUGUST 30

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Please pray for these members of our community and their families

Anita F	James Y
Anne S	Jeanette M-D
Annet K	Jenille L
Beverly Barber	Joan N
Christina &	Ken K
Joshua	Lennox &
Corinne P	Leonora Y
Deb A	Margo P
Edna S	Maureen C
Erin V	Philip I
Florence S	Sam P
Hector B	Sherri-Ann & Ron

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

Scripture Readings

August 30

Exodus 3: 1 to 15
Psalm 26: 1 to 8
Matthew 16: 21 to 25

September 6

Exodus 19: 16 to 24
Psalm 115: 1 to 11
Romans 13: 1 to 10
Matthew 18: 15 to 20

*Thy Word is a lamp
unto my feet*

Psalm 119: 105

NAME (S) _____

PHONE _____ **Email** _____

I would prefer to attend the in-person service at 8:30 am.

I would prefer to attend the in-person service at 10:15 am.

I will be happy to attend either service as space permits.

I will participate in the online service at home.

Comments:

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