

# THE PARISH WINDOW

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## Especially for you Flo

Saying goodbye is never easy but in this interim copy of the newsletter we are not only saying goodbye but thank you to Florence Smith as she and her family head back home to Newfoundland. Due to the restrictions on gathering, we are not able to send her off in the usual Christ Church style. However, that cannot and will not deter what has to be done, so this interim issue is to send Flo off in the best way possible.



Florence,  
How will we ever manage to carry on without your enthusiasm, your humor, your cooking genius and total commitment to all things CCSV? Please take with you all our best wishes for the future - we won't forget you! **David and Beverly**



Florence,  
How quickly time flies, when you really do not want it to. So the time has come to say farewell. Have certainly enjoyed your company, Christ Church has benefited from your kindnesses, your caring, your joy in the Lord. We wish you happiness in your move "back home". Will always remember you and yours in our thoughts and prayers. **Vivien and Louis**



Florence, you are such a gracious lady who took the Sunday School staff under her wing, to teach them the many mysteries of the Christ Church kitchen, in preparation for Coffee Hour. **Miriam Mifsud**



When Florence first came to Christ Church, I knew right away where she was from by that Newfie accent. She sat at the back of the church as she usually does. Around the time when she was a newbie, I told her of Carolyn in the Choir who was also from Newfoundland. A few weeks later, by chance, at the coffee hour, we were in the line up and I am between the two of them. I introduced the two gals and said to them "You two have something in common".

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The answer "We do?" I said "Yes, you are both Newfoundlanders". That really made Florence feel at home, a fellow Newfoundlander. **Diane & David Dean**

When I arrived at the church nearly exactly five years ago, I had a common response from Christ Church people. It went something like this: "wait 'til you meet Florence. She is at her brother's in Newfoundland right now but will be back in the fall. Since you were born in Nfld. you will want to meet her. She usually serves in the kitchen." And then, when Florence got back, I was happy to meet her, but I wasn't quite sure she was going to live up to all that people had said about her. Well, I was even more impressed. Whether it was her great Newfoundland sense of humour (I especially remember one talent night escapade), or the way she sang as she worked in the kitchen, or her easy-going interaction with others, or perhaps it was how dedicated she was in serving (often enduring knee or back pain). What a delight to get to know her and her family!

Florence, you will be dearly missed. I will definitely look you up when I visit "the Rock". In the meantime, may God go with you and may He find you a new church family to bless, even as much as you have blessed us at Christ Church. And as you serve in that new church, likely in the kitchen, I can almost hear you saying, as coffee hour begins, "fill yer boots". With love, **Pastor Pam**.

Florence, thank you for all your contributions to the work and ministry of the Chancel Guild and the Deacon's Cupboard. We are going to miss you, please do stay in touch. **Deacon Jacquie**

Good bye dear Flo,  
You say it's time to go,  
Is it something we did or said,  
Would you let us know,  
We will miss your face  
Your character we can't replace.  
So goodbye dear Flo, goodbye. **Jeanette Khan**

So Flo, you've finally done it - you've taken this job and shoved it!

Thank you for your love and friendship over the years. It has been such a pleasure, a privilege and a blessing knowing you and having you as a sister in Christ. We really can't put into words how much we will miss you, and we hope some time we will get down to see you. Even if we don't, you can be sure of this one thing above all others - we shall never forget you.

We wish you, Josh and the entire family every good thing. May God bless and keep you, and until we meet again dear friend - walk good, and please stay in touch.

**Leonora and Simeon**

Florence, I am going to miss you dearly, and especially when it comes to the sale. You are such an amazing co-worker; sorting, packing, pricing. Love you. All the best for you and the family.

**Shirley R.**

Florence, You will be greatly missed for your humour, laughter, kindness, sincerity. We at Christ Church have been privileged to have met and worshipped with you, a truly wonderful human being. Thank you for your support in so many areas of our lives and our worship.

I am sorry to see you leave but I know your family will be overjoyed to have you home again. Wishing good health, God's peace and blessing on you and family. **Lystra and Earl**

Dear Florence,  
Although it has only been a few years since I met you it seems like a lifetime. Thanks for the laughter you have brought into my life. You missed your calling. You should be on stage. Remember it is not what you take when you leave, it is what you leave behind. It is great that you and Josh are able to return to your place of birth. You are still here and I am already missing you. May the wind be always at your back. Keep safe and may God continue to shower you and your family with many blessings.

**Eleanor Lorde**

Florence, we are going to miss your friendly demeanour, your energy, and cry tears jokes, not to mention the pancakes. Have a safe trip home and blessings always. **Connie and David.**

You choose a fine time to leave me dear Florence  
In the middle of the pandemic while we in suspense  
You driving back home and away from me in your car  
When we can't even meet for a glass of wine at the bar

East to Newfoundland you going to your new destination  
Your cherished lovely island home by the beautiful ocean  
With the sea breeze, vegetation and friendly people around you  
I know that you will always find many fun things to see and do

May God bless your travels, settling and all that you are doing  
Whether you are going out, coming in, sitting down or rising  
Be surrounded everyday by good and loving family and friend  
So enjoy God's grace and mercies every moment until the end

We love you dear. The wife sends you love too.  
**Howard and Inez**

As soon as you step inside the Christ Church kitchen, there's a certain warmth that you immediately feel. It's not the oven or the stove, but it's the personality of a certain person – Florence!  
We are going to miss your warm smile that lit up the room, your kindness and cheerful demeanor, but most of all, we are simply going to miss YOU!  
**Luther family**

Florence, I going to miss you. Honestly, already I am missing you immensely and you haven't left yet. I love you and please keep in touch. **Myrna Horne**

### **Mama Sita Flo!**

So sad to hear you are leaving us but happy to think that someday I can visit Newfie and say I know someone 'here"! Words cannot express how much I will miss you! I am used to you going in the summer and know you will return in August or so but not this time. (sigh)

Anyway, you are just a phone call away, and I know you will be exceedingly happy there. So, "yah man" - go enjoy fresh food, fresh sea breeze and all the laughter life can provide! I will keep you in my heart!

Love and God's Blessings always, from Amma and Myself!  
Hugs, Hugs, and more tight Hugs!  
Love you, will miss you.  
Mwuah, Mwuah, Mwuah!!!  
**Margaret A.**

### **My fellow Newfie Florence,**

I wish you and your family all the best as you re-settle at home. I have enjoyed your company, had lots of laughs together and I will surely miss you.  
**Carolyn Willis**

I will surely miss that welcoming smile and my hug on Sunday mornings. You are a breath of fresh air. Gordon and I wish you and family happiness and good health. Love you.

**Joan and Gordon Lewis**

Florence,  
I want to wish you ad your family the very best as you say goodbye to us at Christ Church. May God bless you in your new endeavours.  
When I get to Newfoundland you will be the first to know and hopefully see each other.  
**Olivia (Grandma)**

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*Fabulous, Fearless, and Fiery*

*Lighthearted, Lovable, Loving*

*Overt, outstanding, Open*

*Rational, Reasonable*

*Easy-going, Ebullient*

*Nice, Nurturing*

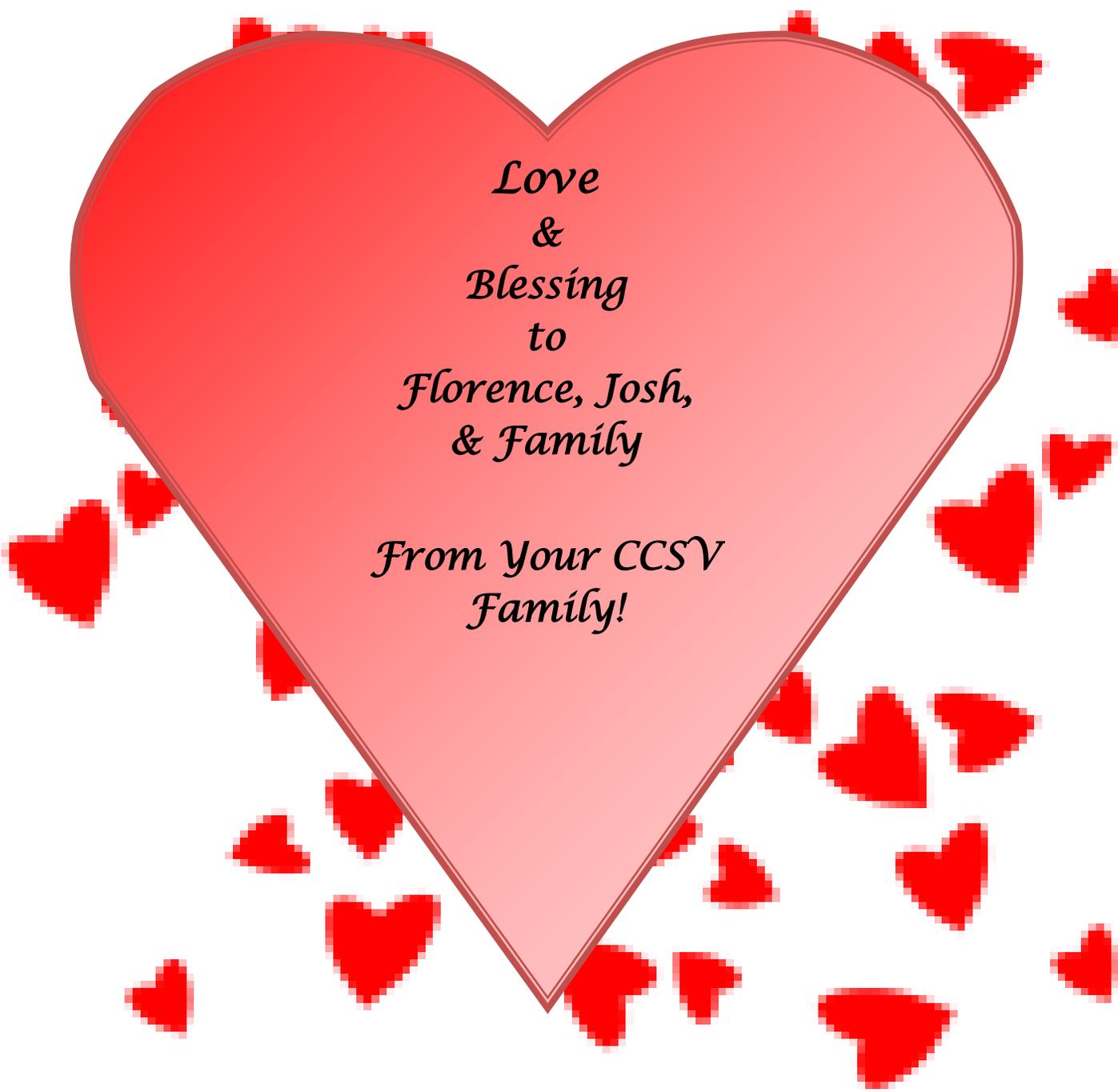
*Charismatic and caring*

*Empathetic*

These are only a few of the words to extol you even as I think about my pickled beets and onions, the capelins, salted beef soup, the grocery runs, Sundays, the baking, turkey roasting, the dressing, the cheekiness, the backyard laughs, and so much more.

For all these I thank you, but most of all for welcoming me into your world.

Saying I am going to miss you is an understatement, not to mention our lunch guests. **TY and blessings my forever HBOO and family. H.**



*Love  
&  
Blessing  
to  
Florence, Josh,  
& Family*

*From Your CCSV  
Family!*

This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.  
Farewell. My blessing season this in thee.  
*Shakespeare (Hamlet)*

