



Connections

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3: 16

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Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter

With the coming of Spring, secular society anticipates the return of warmer weather and the vaccines bringing their promise of relief from the restrictions of the past year.

THE CHURCH'S JOURNEY

The Church looks to the ancient but ever-new season of Eastertide. Before we reach that time, however, we must journey with Jesus through the ominous period in his life when he faced a burden we can never know, the burden of the sins of the whole world.

So we remember hatred, intrigue and love, fear, cowardice and courage, tragedy, acceptance and triumph, all condensed into a few days which changed the world forever.

A DIFFERENT WALK

We will walk that path differently this year. The Worship Committee at Christ Church is planning virtual expressions of our usual Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter commemorations, and invites parishioners to join together online for these services. We will share the final week of Jesus' earthly life, from the clamouring crowd to the horror of the cross to the crown of the Christian year, Easter Day.



March 28

They wanted a Messiah who would drive out their Roman

oppressors. So they shouted "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!" when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. We begin our journey with these misguided people.

April 1

Some of our most cherished traditions will not take place this year, but we will meet in prayer and gratitude for the gift of Holy Communion, instituted by Jesus on the night of his last supper with his disciples.



April 2

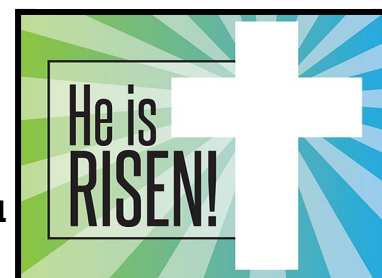
"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" A service of sorrow and gratitude, as we remember that he died for us so we might live with him forever.



April 4

Join us at home as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with a virtual Eucharist recorded in Christ Church.

EASTER DAY



March 31

1 pm (guided)

We retrace the tragic procession that took Jesus from the place where he had been beaten to the cross where he would die.

You may walk the Stations attached to the walls outside the church yourself at any time, using the words printed with them, or the Way of the Cross which will be in the next *Connections*. Father Roy will guide a group walk at one o'clock on Wednesday. This walk will take place inside the church in the lower hall if the weather is bad.

Christ Church Ministry Team 2021

The following members of the Christ Church family have agreed to take responsibility for the worship, fellowship, financial and outreach well-being of our parish. They will welcome the assistance of everyone who offers their time and talent to the building up of our witness to the community in word and action. Volunteers are especially needed for vacant positions.



Staff

Incumbent: Pastor Pam Trondson
Deacon: Rev. Canon Jacquie Bouthéon
Honorary Assistant: Rev. Roy Shepherd
Parish Administrator: Ellen Cunningham
Director of Music: Sam Tam

Appointed by the Incumbent

Rector's Warden: Brian Carr
Lay Readers: Brian Carr, Jeanette Khan,
Jo-Anne Linton

Flower Convenor: Deacon Jacquie

Appointed by the Wardens

Treasurer: Ian Campbell
Envelope Secretary: Miriam Mifsud
Vestry Clerk: Diane Richardson
Secretary of Parish Board: Diane Richardson
Counters: Bill Wilkins (coordinator), Simeon
Benjamin, Ian Campbell, Ken Pestill,

Appointed by the Corporation

Auditor: Peter Tsui

Elected by Vestry

People's Warden: Eleanor Lorde
Deputy Wardens: David Baird, Bill Wilkins
Sidespersons Chair: Lystra Walters
Parish Board Members at Large:
Diane Dean, Ann Rice
Parish Tribunal: Jo-Anne
Linton, Bill Wilkins
Lay Member of Synod:
Deborah Cloakey

Alternate Member of Synod: Diane Dean
St. Margaret Cemetery Board: Brian Carr

Committee Chairs & Group Leaders

WORSHIP: Pastor Pam Trondson
Chancel Guild Coordinator: Deacon Jacquie
Scheduling Coordinator of Readers,
Intercessors, Chalice bearers,
Servers: Deacon Jacquie

PASTORAL CARE

Seniors' Home Services Coordinators:
Pastor Pam, Deacon Jacquie, Rev Roy,
Shut-in visiting Coordinators: Pastor Pam,
Deacon Jacquie, Jeanette Khan



COMMUNICATION:

Chair: Audrey Shepherd
Editor of *Connections*:
Audrey Shepherd
Website Coordinator: Ellen
Cunningham
Public Relations/Publicity:
Jo-Anne Linton

EVENTS

Bazaar: Vacant
Flea Market/ Rummage Sale: Jo-Anne Linton,
Shirley Rigby
World Day of Prayer: Ann Rice

EDUCATION

Baptism/
Confirmation/
Marriage
preparation: Pastor
Pam, Rev Roy
Adult Education:
Rev Roy, Pastor Pam
Church School

Coordinator: Deb Anthony
Wellness: Lystra Walters, Condacy Moses



HELPING



HANDS

OUTREACH

Social Justice/Advocacy and
Outreach: Deacon Jacquie, Ann
Rice
Deacon's Cupboard: Deacon
Jacquie, Detra Powell
Women's Group: Vacant
Community Meal: Vacant

Other

Fundraising: Vacant
Coffee Hour Coordinators: Donna
Campbell, Beverly Baird
Property and
Maintenance: David
Baird
Garden: Deborah Cloakey



Refugee group seeks parish partner

Christ Church recently received the following information from AURA (Anglican United Refugee Association), an organization which has a history of assisting refugee sponsorships through partnership with local parishes.

The Wardens have discussed the possibility of our involvement in this project, and need to know whether parishioners would be willing to undertake such a commitment.

Here at AURA, we facilitate refugee sponsorship for the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. We have been approached by a Family Group in Scarborough who desperately wish to sponsor their relatives: a refugee family of seven from Kabul, Afghanistan. After being threatened by a violent militia group and the murder of their oldest son, the family, which includes 5 children ages 5 - 21, fled to India in 2018. The Family Group in Scarborough is prepared to provide **all the funds and settlement support required for the sponsorship.**

AURA needs a parish to partner with us and the Family Group to make this sponsorship possible. This would include the parish holding and disbursing the funds (provided in advance by the Family Group) and entering into the sponsorship agreement with AURA. We wish to identify a few people at your parish who would be willing to explore ways in which parishioners could be part of welcoming this refugee family.

We are not asking for any financial support.

Any direct involvement would be at the discretion of the parish and contingent on the availability of volunteers when the family arrives. Examples include: English conversation practice, helping children with schoolwork, sourcing donated furniture/items or showing the family around the city... we know that sponsorship works best when communities come together to welcome a family.

If AURA finds a parish to help this family, we could submit the application this year. But it will likely be 1.5 - 2.5 years before they would arrive. Processing times are long and especially

uncertain because of the pandemic. After arrival, the one year sponsorship period begins.

Parishes all over the Diocese are collaborating in creative ways like this to enable more refugee resettlement. Your neighbours at Holy

Trinity Guildwood have been part of similar partnerships with much success. We have reached out to you because we know you are a community that cares about refugees, and this is an opportunity to support resettlement directly without an onerous commitment.

If you are you interested in exploring this with AURA and the Family Group, please let Pastor Pam know by March 31

at ptrondson@gmail.com or 647-470-1383.



The bird market in Kabul, Afghanistan. The vendor hopes you will buy one of his brilliantly-coloured parrots.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Here's an opportunity to do something special to get your mind away from COVID-19. At the same time, you will increase your understanding and strengthen your faith.

We invite you to participate in our Spring Bible Study- eight weekly units dealing with the meaning of the Gospel of Mark.

This brand new study gives you Bible readings, helpful comments and questions for reflection, which will be sent to you either by email or regular mail. As a plus, you will have a chance to share your study experience with others.

Sign up now to receive your program resources.

Email: aandshepherd@rogers.com

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Youth Group Zooms about Cyberbullying

On Sunday afternoon, March 7, Christ Church youth and some youth leaders gathered by Zoom to talk about the group's choice of topic, cyberbullying. The meeting was organized by Emma Mallick, Joe Semucyo and Juliet Mazumder.

You may wonder why this topic was important to these young people. Let me provide you with a quote from a poll released by UNICEF and a UN Special Representative on Violence against Children (UNICEF September 3, 2019)

- One in three young people in 30 countries said they had been a victim of online bullying;
- One in five reported having skipped school due to cyberbullying and violence.

I want to point out the bravery of our youth in choosing to deal with such a sensitive subject and doing so in a careful and informative way. They chose as a theme verse Deuteronomy 31: 8. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

They also told us about Kids Help Phone, which offers confidential, anonymous phone and internet counselling and referrals for children and youth, with information on bullying, dating, family, friendship and health at 1-800-668-6868 or www.kidshelpphone.ca.

With the issue of bullying in mind (and their schooling, which can be onerous), I ask for your prayers for the young people of our church and beyond.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that some laughs were had by all during the online games of Hangman and Pictionary (let me tell you that it is not so easy to draw food with a small computer device!)

Notification of the next youth gathering will be advertised in *Connections*. Stay tuned!



For your Notebook

Oops! In the last issue of *Connections* our story on the Lenten Food Calendar gave an incorrect phone number for Deacon Jacquie. It should be 416-264-4726. If you need help getting those big boxes of food to the church, that's the number to call.

Looking ahead. The province and the city have loosened the restrictions on church re-opening, and we are all eager to get back to in-person worship. At Christ Church we will have to wait just a little longer, as our sanctuary is being renovated - floors and ceiling - a huge task which will take several weeks. We'll let you know as soon as we reach the happy time when we can be together again.

Meanwhile our online services continue and Jesus is with us always - in all ways.

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Please pray for there members of our
community and their families

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Anita & Dave F	James Y
Anna Mary K	Jenille L
Anne S	John J
Annet K	Judith R
Chris P	Ken K
Christina & Joshua	Lennox & Leonora Y
Connie & David M	Linda &
Corinne P	Robert E
Dave M	Margaret B
Deb A	Madhuri M
Deborah T	Moureen N
Ebun D	Philip I
Edna S	Robbie & Bev R
	Sherri-Ann & Ron

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