



Connections

*I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will
last.*

John 15: 16

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Outdoor delight

On the last Sunday of the summer, after the 10 am worship service, parishioners gathered together to enjoy each other's company. Our setting was the beautiful garden behind Christ Church.

Safety protocols were followed, and it was very uplifting to chat informally after months of being denied this pleasure.

Thank you to Deborah C and others who tend God's creation and help beautify the Christ Church grounds.

Miriam Mifsud



DIOCESE OF TORONTO NEW MANDATORY VACCINATION POLICY

In order to best protect our parish community and those we serve against the highly contagious and dangerous nature of the Covid-19 variants, the Diocese of Toronto has implemented a "Covid-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy".

Effective September 30, 2021, all employees, members of the clergy and **all church volunteers** must show proof of being vaccinated with two doses of an approved Health Canada vaccine, with the second dose having been administered at least two weeks prior to the in-person attendance. The Churchwardens, Eleanor Lorde and Brian Carr, are responsible for verifying proof of vaccination. They are not allowed to delegate this duty to anyone else.

Proof of vaccination is **not required** to attend worship services.

In order to implement the policy, we are asking all volunteers to bring a copy of your Ministry of Health form confirming that you have had two doses of the vaccination to the church. Eleanor Lorde will be at the church on Wednesday September 30 and Thursday October 1 from 9 to 11 and will record the status of any volunteers who can come at that time. Brian will be at the church after the 8:30 service and before 10 o'clock on October 3 for the same purpose.

Brian will retain the records in a safe place offsite to ensure confidentiality.

If you cannot come this week during the Wednesday or Thursday morning hours, you can contact Brian at brianrcarr21@gmail.com or at 416 456 1703 to arrange to show evidence of vaccination. This can be done by Zoom or other similar internet communication so that there is no need for a personal meeting. It is important that you demonstrate that you have received two doses of the vaccination as soon as possible because you will not be able to fulfill any volunteer role after September 29 until you do so.

Please contact either Eleanor or Brian if you have any questions or concerns.

Brian Carr



“ My voice, my equal future”

This is the call ringing out around the world as people recognized that nobody is free until everyone is free.

Monday, October 11, is Thanksgiving Day in Canada, where women and girls enjoy the right to go to school, choose a life partner, earn a living in a valued profession and freely make decisions in their lives.

But this same day marks United Nations Day of the Girl Child, when we are asked to hear the voices of the millions of girls worldwide who have no such opportunities. No chance to be educated, no choice of a husband, no money to call their own.

This year, the image of the women and girls of Afghanistan is etched in our minds, as their future narrows under Taliban rule.

We see too the little ones in refugee camps, whose future is clouded with poverty.

We hear the voices of teen-agers crying out for us to do something about climate change, powerless to act but determined to make us notice the plight of the planet they will inherit. We cannot see the girl children sold into slavery or working in the factories from which we buy clothes, made less expensive for us by their labour, but we know they are there. We are called to be the hands, the voice, the heart of Jesus in a hurting world.

Audrey Shepherd

Saint Luke - apostle to the gentiles, physician, author

On October 15 we celebrate the Feast of St. Luke, who is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostle. His Greek literary style indicates that he was a well-educated man and he was also believed to be a doctor. While he definitely was not an apostle who witnessed personally any works of Christ, he meticulously researched many events surrounding our Lord.

Born in Antioch, the capital of Syria, in 50 AD, Luke, though probably a gentile, was very knowledgeable in all things Jewish, speaking Greek and Aramaic. He travelled with Paul and became his faithful companion until Paul's death (2 Timothy 4: 11)

After the resurrection of Christ, it seems Luke became a very close friend of Mary, and much of his work is drawn from her and her friends. He wrote to proclaim, persuade and interpret the good news of Christ mainly for non-Jews. One quarter of the New Testament was written by Luke (more than any other writer).

It is because of him that we are able to know much about the lifetime of Christ. Then after the Ascension, Luke helps us to understand, in the Acts of the Apostles, how Christianity grew from a small movement within Judaism to what is now the largest religion in the world.

Miriam Mifsud



The winged ox represents **St. Luke**. Oxen were used in temple sacrifices.

St. Luke's gospel includes the parable of the Prodigal Son, in which the fatted calf is slaughtered, not only to celebrate the

younger son's return, but also to foreshadow the joy we must have in receiving reconciliation through our Savior who, as Priest offered Himself in sacrifice to forgive our sins.

Therefore, the winged ox reminds us of the priestly character of our Lord and His sacrifice for our redemption.

Scripture readings

October 3

Job 1: 2 and 2:1 to 10 and Psalm 26

Genesis 2: 18 to 24 and Psalm 8

Hebrews 1: 1 to 4 and 2: 5 to 12

Mark 10: 2 to 16

October 10

Job 23: 1 to 9 and 16, 17 and Psalm 22 : 1 to 15

Amos 5: 6, 7 and 10 to 15 and Psalm 90: 12 to 17

Hebrews 4: 12 to 16

Mark 10: 17 to 31

October 11 THANKSGIVING DAY

Joel 2: 21 to 27 and Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2: 1 to 7

Matthew 6: 26 to 33

October 17

Job 38: 1 to 7 ((34 to 41 and Psalm 104: 1 to 9 and 24 and 35c

Isaiah 53: 4 to 12 and Psalm 91: 9 to 16

Mark 5: 35 to 45

October 24

Job 42: 1 to 6 and 10 to 17 and Psalm 34: 1 to 8 (19 to 22)

Jeremiah 31: 7 to 9 and Psalm 126

Hebrews 7: 23 to 28

Mark 10: 46 to 52



Rene Thomas' 90th birthday will be on October 8.

If you would like to send a card, her address is:

Mrs. Irene Thomas

c/o Chartwell Regency Retirement Home

301-29 Mississauga Road North

Mississauga ON L5H 2H7

She and Earl would be so happy to hear from you!

The Garden Corner

TOMATOES FOR THE FOOD BANK



Lucia Herwig and Lee Macleod (on the right) gather more tomatoes for the food bank. All of August and into September we have had bumper crops!

This is our second year of tomatoes and they are really delicious. Next year we hope to expand and diversify into other veggies. If anyone would like to join us in 2022 they would be very welcome.

Many thanks to Deborah Cloakey, who helped us set up the allotment bed and plant the seedlings. It is very rewarding to work with others towards a common goal and we have really come together as a team.

Lee Macleod



Sunday School update and a story of faith in action

Our in-person Sunday school lessons came to a halt in the spring of 2020, but during this time I feel the hand of the Lord was upon us, guiding us to different yet meaningful endeavours. During that austere period, the youth of Christ Church joined together to meet online to discuss relevant topics like mental health, climate change, etc. With the help of Pastor Pam, along with the leadership of youth leaders, our young people were able to learn how various subjects could be viewed today, including the relevance of the Bible to the topics.



Fareeha as she graduates into a bright future in Canada.

Several teachers pulled alongside the youth to offer support on their Zoom meetings. One of these was Fareeha, who virtually attends with her ten year. old daughter Aayat.

While Ms. Fareeha always exudes a sense of calm in the presence of the students, behind the scenes she is a very busy lady.

Fareeha with her husband Daniel and their two daughters (one just a baby) left Pakistan in 2019 to come to Canada in

pursuit of a better life. After arriving in Scarborough, they sought a church home. We are grateful they chose this parish. Many from the congregation made them feel very welcome and, due to Fareeha's love of children, she joined our Sunday School teaching team.

When the pandemic struck, Fareeha believes God guided her to continue her education and along with support from her husband and a special Aunt, she gained admission to "Intra Oral Dental (level 1 & 2)". This was a healthcare professional course that takes from fifteen to eighteen months to complete.

Trying to study (much of it online) plus caring for her family certainly produced stress and fatigue. But light was at the end of the tunnel, as she completed all her clinical work and theory, plus a placement in an established dental

office. This month Fareeha graduates as a Dental Assistant. She hopes to gain Employment. as she is eager to use her new skills to assist with dental procedures, educating patients in oral hygiene and other chairside tasks.

Miriam Mifsud

*A bell is not a bell
until you ring it
A song is not a song
until you sing it
A prayer is not a prayer
until you pray it
And love is not love
until you give it away*

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

**Brian C
Carolyn W
Chris P
Christina & Joshua
David F & family
Deb A
Eileen B
Hazel E
James Y
Jeanette M-D
Jenille L
Joan L**

**John J
Judith
Leonora & Simeon B
Lennox & Leonora Y
Linda & Robert E
Margaret C
Mursal, Shazia & family
Patience O & family
Richard & Valerie A
Sherri-Ann
Viggy M**

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

National Seniors Day

National Seniors Day in Canada is celebrated on October 1, in keeping with the United Nations declaration made in 1990 as International Day of Older Persons. It was first observed on October 1, 1991, and is recognized by all UN member states. Its purpose is to raise awareness of issues facing older people and to foster respect for them as the guardians of family history and traditions.

DIFFERENT THEMES

There is a different theme each year. In 2019, it was about recognizing the achievements of older people in society. In 2020, the theme had to do with pandemics and how they might affect how age and ageing are addressed, as the elderly were hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. It revealed a desperate need for better living conditions in elder care facilities.

DIGITAL EQUITY

The theme for 2021 is "Digital Equity for All Ages", emphasizing the need for access and participation in the digital world by older persons. In some cases, there is lack of access, and in others some difficulty in keeping up with rapid changes in technology in ways that could be beneficial to them.

The pandemic has left many isolated, with reduced opportunities to meet with others in person or to access goods and services and being left behind in the rapid advances in technology and communication makes it even more difficult.

Our older generation includes grandparents, parents and siblings who have guided and protected younger family members and worked hard to achieve our current quality of life.

SHOWING APPRECIATION

Some suggested ways to show appreciation for all their contributions to family and community life are by visiting older relatives or friends, inviting them on an outing, perhaps surprising them with a gift or engaging them in a culinary activity using one of their family favourite recipes. Continuing with regular contact and



conversation can help them to feel included. In keeping with this year's "digital equity" theme, if older relatives are curious about digital communication, bringing an I-Pad or tablet when visiting them could provide an enjoyable way to demonstrate how it could enhance their quality of life.

Ellen Cunningham

BRIEF NOTES ...

Pastor Pam will be away from October 11 to 13.

The Food Bank receives donations of eggs, which come in trays of 30. These are repackaged into dozens for clients and are much appreciated. If you have been saving egg cartons for us, please keep them at home for the next little while - we are out of storage space, but will need them later.



We hear that the parish bazaar will take place on November 20. No details yet, but hold the date and set aside your trinkets and treasures to fill the tables for eager buyers. Knitters, crafters and jewellery makers, it's time to put your skills to work too.



Another date to remember - the Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls has graciously agreed to be our celebrant and preacher on June 22, 2022, when we will celebrate our 175th anniversary (one year later) as a parish.



With their familiws, we mourn the passing of Corinne Pentland, Anita (Dave Forster's partner) and Alwym (Lois Lawrence's partner) A copy of the eulogy for Corinne is posted on the bulletin board. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Operation Harvest

A VITAL OUTREACH PROGRAM OF CHRIST CHURCH

Fill the Deacon's Cupboard for Thanksgiving

Most needed: **spaghetti, macaroni and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jam, cereal, Kraft Dinner, cookies, anything in a can, red and green lentils, white and brown rice.** There's no particular priority among them; all will be appreciated.

Your contribution may be brought to the worship service with you on Sunday mornings, where your big bag of groceries will be blessed and given to the food bank for distribution to our needy clients.

If you are not yet comfortable with attending in-person worship services, your contribution may be brought to the volunteers at work on Wednesday mornings.

Financial contributions are also welcome.



We are preparing to live-stream our services on YouTube, with a goal to start early in November. (Recordings will continue to be available for later viewing.)

Volunteers are needed to assist on an occasional basis in setting up and operating the sound and video equipment, using a laptop, and interacting with the web.

Anyone with interest or experience in any of these areas is asked to contact Pastor Pam. Training will be provided.

Bill Wilkins

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