

# Christ Church Deer Park

September 8, 2024  
Welcome Home Month  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 am



‘Zacchaeus,  
hurry and come  
down; for I must  
stay at your  
house today.’



**WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK**  
We are glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.  
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.



**Hello!** Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable doing.

**So, what is our community like?** Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

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September is "Welcome Home Month" at CCDP. So, in an effort to reacquaint ourselves with one another after the summer, and to get to know one another better, we have nametags at both entrances. Please consider wearing one during the service and during the BBQ!

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**Prelude**      *Adagio* from Organ Concerto in A minor, BWV 593      J.S. Bach (based on A. Vivaldi)

**Welcome & Gathering**      (please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)

**Opening Hymn #482** v. 1, 2, 3, 5      (please stand as you are able)

Come and Journey with a Saviour

BEACH SPRING

Come and journey with a Saviour  
Who has called us from our birth,  
Who has washed us in the waters,  
And who loved us on the earth.

*Refrain:*

Come and journey, come and journey  
With a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters.  
In the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward,  
Come and seek him deep within,  
Where he meets us in our living,  
In our striving and our sin. *Refrain*

Come and journey, journey outward,  
Telling others of his name,  
Telling others of his glory,  
Of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain*

Come and journey, journey upward,  
Sing his praises, offer prayer.,  
In the storm and in the stillness  
find his presence everywhere. *Refrain*

Text: © Herbert O'Driscoll  
Music: *The Sacred Harp*

**Gathering**

*(please remain standing)*

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Gloria**

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

All

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord, God, Heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we

give you thanks, we\_ praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God in the high - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther.

Lord, God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone

are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



**The Collect of the Day**

Presider: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

**Listening to God – First Reading**

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. *Isaiah 1:16-18*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 40**

M. Guimont

*The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.*



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Choir: I waited, I waited for the LORD who stooped down to me, and heard my cry. God put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. *Refrain*



You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.  
 You do not ask for burnt-offering and victim. Instead, here am I. *Refrain*  
 In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do you will.  
 My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. *Refrain*  
 Your justice I have proclaimed in the great congregation.  
 My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. *Refrain*

**Listening to God – Second Reading**

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must  
 always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your  
 faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is  
 increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your  
 steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are  
 enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you  
 worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of  
 faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him,  
 according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation #714**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia

Taizé

*The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.*

Refrain:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Alleluia 7; Jacques Berthier, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Cantor: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
 that we may know the hope to which we are called.

## The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.' *Luke 19:1-10*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** "Coming Home" – Rev. Stephen

*(please be seated)*

## Music for Reflection

### Affirmation of Faith

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

## Confession and Absolution

*(please continue to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Presider: Most merciful God,  
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*(please remain standing)*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.*



## Sharing What We Have

Priest: Friends, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.  
In the upside down world of the gospel,  
we measure our wealth not by what we have,  
but by what we can give away.  
Let us give away generously, in this offering,  
to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.

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## Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us  
and because God has designed us to be givers.

### Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations  
please contact [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: *please see warden on duty*
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- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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## Offertory Hymn #620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ST. PETER

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton  
Music: Alexander Reinagle

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

## Celebrating the Eucharist

*(please remain standing)*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus & Benedictus Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,  
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na...  
in the high - est Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the



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 Music: © 1995, David Thorne

**Presider:** Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

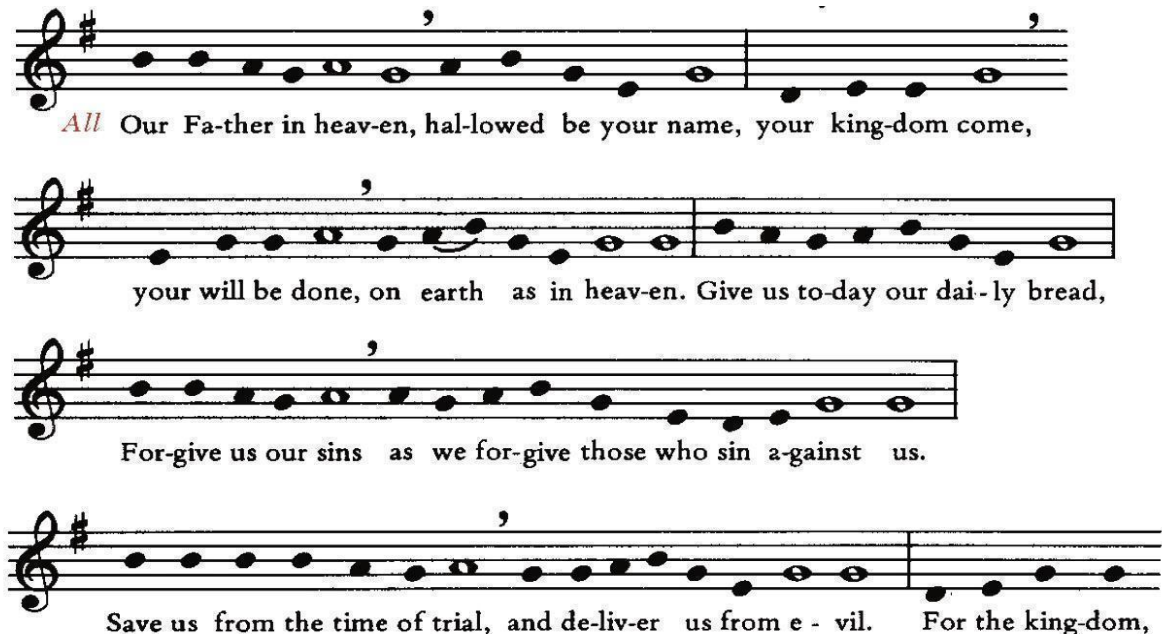
**All: Amen.**

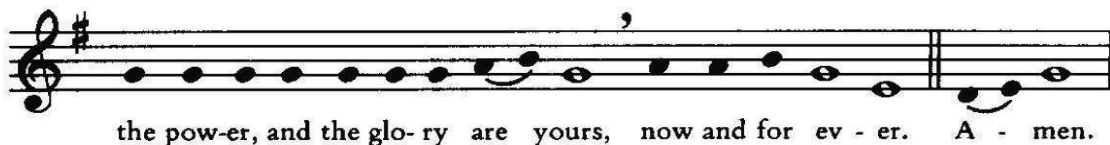
The Lord's Prayer

M. Robinson II

**Presider:** As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All:**





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## Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
- **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.

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**Agnus Dei** Mass of St. Thomas

*(please be seated)*

David Thorne

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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## Communion Motet

Jesu, Joyance of My Heart

based on "JESU MEINES HERZENS FREUD"

Jesu, joyance of my heart, Blessed Jesu;  
Bliss unto my soul thou art, Holy Jesu;  
Sure defence from Satan's dart, Sweetest Jesu.

Thousand times I think of thee, My Redeemer;  
Only yearn thy face to see; My Redeemer.  
Longing for thy company, My Redeemer.

Nought is lovelier than thou, Dearest Jesu;  
None is friendlier than thou; Gentlest Jesu;  
Nor is any sweet as thou, Sweetest Jesu.

Text: G.R. Woodward

Music: Johann Ahle, J.S Bach, arr.

## Communion Hymn #615 v. 1, 4, 5

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott

Music: William Bradbury

## Closing Prayer

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,  
**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for  
ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Presider: Eternal God, we rejoice in your greatness and power, your gentleness and love, your mercy and justice. Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, and words and actions, and to serve you in every aspect of our lives; and may God our Creator bless you and keep you all of your days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Closing Hymn #505**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish (8th cent.); tr. Mary Byrne, vers. Eleanor Hull  
Music: Irish traditional

**Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** Prelude in C Major, BWV547

J. S. Bach

*Please join us after the service for our Welcome Back BBQ!*

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## -----ANNOUNCEMENTS-----

1. **UPDATED FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:** Christ Church's Parish Selection Committee is pleased to bring you the following updates. Since the beginning of August, there have been notices on the Christ Church Deer Park website and on the Toronto Diocesan "Clergy in Motion" site advertising our need for a new incumbent, with links to our Parish Profile, "Dear Future Rector". Thanks to the work of committee member Jan D'Angelo over the summer, we are casting a fairly wide net: there is an advertisement in the *Episcopal News Service* (US) which has been live for a couple of weeks. In addition, advertisements will be posted in the US and UK at the beginning of September in the *Living Church* and *Church Times* magazines. Applications are received by Bishop Andrew. In the meantime, we wait and pray!
2. **WELCOME BACK PARISH BBQ!** Stick around after the 10:30am service TODAY for our Welcome Back Parish BBQ – we'll have burgers, hot dogs, salads, and beverages. It's a perfect time to catch up after the summer!
3. **JAZZ VESPERS** has some exciting news to share: this year we will be going back to having two Jazz Vespers per month. This month the dates are Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This service includes a reading, prayers, a short reflection, and of course lots of jazz music! It starts at 4:30pm and runs for about 1.5 hours. All are welcome! For more information about musicians, and for all the dates for the coming year, please see our website.
4. **RUMMAGE ON THE LAWN!** NEXT Saturday (September 14) we will host our AMAZING Rummage on the Lawn event.
  - a) We will have Organ Music in the Sanctuary. There will be housewares, clothes, artwork, sporting goods, linens, jewellery and curios, books, CDs, and records. AND a fabulous Bake Sale. Don't forget the delicious BBQ from 11:30am-2pm.
  - b) Please deliver your Bake Table offerings Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (between 9am-5pm). Please package/wrap all baked goods for the sale (cookies/squares in pkgs of 6 or 1 dozen, or one loaf or cake). On the outside please write the name of your treat. AND if there are NUTS, please label that there are NUTS in them.
  - c) If you would like to help, or know someone who would, or just wish to reach out to us, please call Jayne at 416-489-2400.
5. **DO YOU LOVE TO SING? IF SO, CONSIDER JOINING CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK'S CHOIR!** The volunteer choir meets for weekly rehearsal from September to June on Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm, and at 9:45am on Sunday mornings in preparation for singing at the 10:30am service and other special events. If you or someone you know is potentially interested in joining the choir, please contact Stefani at [sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org)

6. **READING THE BIBLE:** As we have not had enough registrations, this series will be postponed until further notice.

7. **A SPIRITUAL PATH; WORSHIP OUT ON TORONTO'S TRAILS WITH THE CCDP WALKING GROUP:**

Brad Lennon and Rev. Stephen will be offering an urban hike on Saturday, September 14th at 11 AM. (Dogs are welcome!) Meet at the church, and we will go from there through David Balfour Park and the Park Drive Reservation to the Brickworks. This is an easy hike with a few gentle hills over a mix of paved and gravel trails through a forest ecosystem and the city's ravines. You'll be alongside Yellow Creek for part of the hike, surrounded by maple and oak trees. Distance: 4 kilometres (an hour at a leisurely pace) from David Balfour Park to The Evergreen Brickworks. Bring at least 1L water, sunscreen protection, a packed lunch if you wish (although there are food concessions at the Brickworks Farmers Market Food Court) and proper footwear. A free Shuttle Bus runs every 30-45 minutes to Broadview Station. TTC service is also available via the 28 Bayview South bus to Davisville subway station. In the afternoon you can extend your hike on the Evergreen Brickworks trail system. You can also opt to join Brad Lennon for a longer hike to complete the loop back to the church via Moore Park Ravine and Mount Pleasant Cemetery. To register for this hike or to ask questions, contact Brad at [blennon@sympatico.ca](mailto:blennon@sympatico.ca). He's also available at the Sunday 10:30 AM worship service to answer questions.



8. **WELCOME HOME WORKSHOP:** September is “Welcome Home” month as we return from vacation and start our fall activities. So, it is a perfect time to reflect on what *welcome* really means! Rev. Cathy will be leading welcome home workshops on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, one after each of the three services (the workshops are identical). So please join her in the Arthur Smith Room after whichever service you attend, where you will get to know your fellow parishioners—both new and old—and reflect on *welcome* both in practice and in prayer.

9. **SEASON OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS:** From September to December, the Diocese is offering many online workshops on a variety of topics – how to support the Church’s ministry through Scripture, how to make parishes more welcoming to those with disabilities, practical tools for prayer, small group ministry tips, how to equip parents as spiritual nurturers, among others! Times vary, and registration opens August 27. <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

- 10. CHURCH ON TAP** returns on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This inclusive, creative Eucharist service has been a part of our community for 10 years! Please join us for worship and stick around after for fellowship and beer.
- 11. PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org).
- 12. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** This summer, the first residents moved into Caldwell First Nation reserve near Leamington, over 230 years after the Nation lost their traditional land. The Caldwell First Nation was originally based around Point Pelee, an area that in 1790 was subject to a treaty between Indigenous groups and the Crown – a treaty that did not include the members of Caldwell First Nation. Settlers gradually took over the land, and the remaining members of Caldwell First Nation were forced out in the 1920s. In 2010, their land claim was finally settled and the Nation was able to begin the process of buying land and establishing their reserve. Caldwell First Nation is also working with Parks Canada on establishing an urban national park in the Windsor area.
- 13. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** “The Vocation of being a ‘protector’ ... means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as St. Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. ... In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God’s gifts!” (from Pope Francis’s Inauguration Homily)
- 14. MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** To beautify our church’s services, we invite donations of flowers to honour loved ones. There is a committee standing by to purchase and arrange the flowers on the date of your choice. Please contact Pat Butler, Memorial Flowers Coordinator, to select the date and name the person(s) you are remembering. Reach Pat at [pat.butler@bell.net](mailto:pat.butler@bell.net) or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.



## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-show-nee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nah-bek*) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the *Dish with One Spoon Treaty*, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (*North America*) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

## ! VISITOR INFORMATION



**Hearing Assistance Devices** are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

**Large Print Orders of Service** are available.

## Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park

**Wednesday, September 11**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

**Saturday, September 14**

10am-2pm Rummage Lawn Sale

**Sunday, September 15**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
*In person*

9:15am Contemporary Worship  
*In person*

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
*In person & Livestreamed*



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