

Christ Church Deer Park

October 27, 2024
The Season of Creation
The Green Gospel of John
Holy Baptism
at 10:30 am



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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Prelude Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Season of Creation Connection: This piece is often interpreted as a musical representation of the four main phases of the moon.*

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

Opening Hymn *(please stand as you are able)*

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,

flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint
Music: Conrad Kocher

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

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 Music: © 1995, David Thorne

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 Gospel of John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Short Homily – “Jesus the Creator”

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

All: 

 Lord, send out your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

Choir: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
 You are clothed with majesty and splendour.
 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
 and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
 you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. *Refrain*

You make the winds your messengers
 and flames of fire your servants.
 You have set the earth upon its foundations,
 so that it never shall move at any time.
 You covered it with the deep as with a mantle;
 the waters stood higher than the mountains. *Refrain*

At your rebuke they fled;
 at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath,
 to the places you had appointed for them.
 You set the limits that they should not pass;
 they shall not again cover the earth. *Refrain*

Listening to God – Second Lesson Reading

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of John.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

John 3:16-21

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Short Homily – “Jesus the Universal Saviour”

Sequence Hymn #369 v. 1, 2

(please stand as you are able)

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

EBENEZER

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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Music: Thomas J. Williams

Listening to God – Third Lesson Reading

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of John.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:11-18

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #369 v. 3, 4

(please stand as you are able)

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

EBENEZER

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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Short Homily – “Jesus the Gardener”

Motet Like As The Hart

H. Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Text: Psalm 42 (para.)

The Celebration of Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents &

Godparents: We present Ava to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents &

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

Priest: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

The priest addresses the congregation.

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ava in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidate

Priest: Let us now pray for Ava who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into this world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Now, as our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Water is poured into the font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in a promised land.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for you have called Ava to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you preserve in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Priest: Ava Rose Yellowlees, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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.

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 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*
- E-transfer to donations@christchurchdeerpark.org
- 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.

Offertory Hymn

Child of Blessing

DRAKE'S BROUGHTON



Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spi - rit's sign,
Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
Child of joy, our dear - est treas - ure, God's you are; from God you came.
Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum - bly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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Music: Edward Elgar

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Closing Prayer

(please stand as you are able)

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: May God the Mother, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide us with all we need for life in its fullness. **Amen.**

May God the Child, who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine, feed us with life and transform us in love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form us in the lines of Christ and renew the face of the earth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, Mother, Child, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #428

God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy;
Teach us now to laugh and praise you,
Deep within your praises sing,
Till the whole creation dances
For the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,

giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end;
Grant us now creative spirits,
Minds responsive to your mind,
Hearts and wills your rule extending
All our acts by Love refined.

Text: Walter Henry Farquharson

Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor ©1942, renewed 1970 Hope Publishing Co.

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

Praeludium in D major, BuxWV 139

D. Buxtehude

Communion is available in the chapel for any who wish to receive.

Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Perry by his wife Penny Perry.

Assisting with the Liturgy

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----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE: You will be happy to hear that Bishop Andrew has prepared for us a **confidential** short list which he will present to the Parish Selection Committee on November 4. After that meeting, we will be preparing to interview the short-listed candidates. All this is taking longer than we had hoped it would, but we are moving steadily forward. We have reason to believe that there are some good, even excellent, applicants!

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEK: Already, fall back! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next weekend, for Sunday, November 3rd. We wouldn't want you to miss church!

WORSHIP

NEXT SUNDAY is **All Saints Day** – a principal feast day of the Church, and at 8am, 9:15am, and 10:30am, Rev. Cathy will be preaching and presiding.

JAZZ VESPERS is today at 4:30pm. This informal service of prayers, a reflection, and lots of jazz, now happens twice per month. For details about which musicians are playing, please visit our website.

NOVEMBER 10 is **All Souls and Remembrance Sunday**. BCP Eucharist at 8am; contemporary Eucharist at 9:15am; BCP Choral Matins at 10:30am with Honour Roll.

PASTORAL

OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Stephen's office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am-2pm. Please feel free to stop by or make an appointment with him. *Note: Rev. Stephen will be out of the office the week of October 27-Nov 4, as agreed in his contract. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, November 5. You will be in great hands with Rev. Cathy and all the support staff while he's away.*

COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE CLERGY: One of the things that has come to the attention of the clergy on Sunday mornings is the tight turnaround between services leaving little time for us to mingle over coffee and speak with each other. We have decided to do this: at any given coffee hour one of the clergy will remain to meet and greet while the other begins the next service. The cleric who has remained at coffee hour will join the next service when they have finished their coffee conversation (they're not late! Just doing pastoral work.)

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE DRIVERS NEEDED: We are very much in need of more drivers we can add to our list, who upon occasion, can assist with providing a ride to church for fellow parishioners. This does not have to be an every week commitment; any commitment would be very helpful! Please contact Ann Atkins at communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org

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 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CARE OF CREATION: October has been designated as the month we explore our role in caring for God's gift of the Earth to us. As part of this, we are conducting a course based on Katharine Hayhoe's book *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Time: 7:15-8:30pm Place: on ZOOM. To sign up, email Rev. Cathy at cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org Hope to see you there!

COMING FOR ADVENT: Watch for announcements on an Advent Program with Rev. Cathy and an Advent Poetry Reading Group with Rev. Stephen.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

RETREATS:

8:00am Service: For all who love the BCP and our 8am service - please join Rev. Stephen after the 8am service on Sunday, November 10 for a light breakfast in the Arthur Smith Room from 8:45-10:15am. We will take some time to have fellowship, pray, and reflect on the 8am service. (ps. If you normally come to the 8am but will come to 10:30am on Nov. 10 for Remembrance Sunday, you can still come to the retreat! Have breakfast first and then attend the 10:30am service.)

10:30am Service: If you attend the 10:30am service, please stay after the service on Sunday, December 1st for a time of lunch and fellowship in Elliott Hall. We will pray

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: On September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Spirit Garden officially opened at Nathan Phillips Square. The garden was developed as a response to Call to Action 82 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which calls for a Residential Schools Monument to be established in every capital city to honour the children who attended residential schools. The creation of the memorial was led by the Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre. The garden features a limestone turtle which sits in a reflecting pool on which the names of the 18 residential schools in Ontario are carved. The garden also includes a teaching lodge, a stainless-steel spirit canoe, an inukshuk, and a Three Sisters garden planted with squash, beans, and corn. As well as a space for reflection, the garden will also be used for ceremonies and teaching.

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: “...Western knowledge has lulled us into thinking that we are separate from nature: if we can design our way out of feeling the cold at the heart of winter, we can also simply raise our communities above the storm...now climate change is calling us to attention, drawing us to the water’s edge to ask with wonderment and fear whether there is, or ever really was, something that separates us from our environment.” Elizabeth Rush, *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore*, (2018) p. 258

FUNDRAISING

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR! Hot off our nearly \$7,000 September Rummage on the Lawn & BBQ, we are working towards our Christmas Fair, which is on November 23rd from 10am-2pm! We’ll have lots of fun activities, goodies for sale, Christmas cheer, and ways for you to help out:

- Coffee and Treats in **Gabriel’s Café** until 11:30am, then lunch with Mary Kay Brown’s famous Lentil Soup on offer.
- The **Christmas Fair Wine Raffle and Risky Wine Box Game** is collecting bottle donations beginning now. Please consider donating a wrapped bottle of something for our table or our cases. A bottle of wine, liqueur, spirits, or olive oil, or use your imagination (something in the \$20-ish range please). And, if you don’t have wrapping paper, a newspaper will do – it’ll be such fun!
- We are accepting items for our **Regifting Station**. Everyone has a few items that they were given sitting in a drawer, waiting for the right time to give them away. Here is your chance!
- **Christmas décor and ornaments:** you may be surprised to note we sold just under \$300 in this section last year. Please purge our way, as you prepare for Advent.
- We are also accepting **costume jewellery** from all eras as that’s always a big hit. We would love some of yours

Please note that although we will be begging you for your books, clothing, and housewares come spring, we have no storage space for these items until our spring intake. So please don’t bring those items now. Donations for the Wine Raffle, Regifting Station, Décor and Ornaments

Section, and Costume Jewellery can be brought to the church atrium on Saturdays from 11am-2pm. Thank you!

MONEY MATTERS: There is always concern that we would make our operating budget, or do even better as Vestry approved a deficit budget for 2024. But let's see if we can do a little better. Starting November 10th we will be speaking of our experience of God and remembering with gratitude all that God has done for us through CCDP. In response to remembering with gratitude we will be invited to increase the level of our donations as we are able, in thanksgiving. Importantly, we will be listening to people's stories of how God has blessed them and how they came to be a member of this great community.

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

Tuesday, October 29

7:15-8:30pm Creation Care
Adult Education Series
On Zoom

Wednesday, October 30

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, October 31

10:00am Daily Office

Saturday, November 2

8-9am Community Breakfast

Sunday, November 3

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

In person & Livestreamed



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