

Christ Church Deer Park

November 10, 2024
All Souls Commemoration
& Remembrance Sunday
Choral Matins
at 10:30 am



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FORGET

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 Prayer of St. Gregory, Op. 62

Alan Hovhaness

Christ Church Deer Park's pipe organ (1982) is dedicated "to the Glory of God and in loving memory of those who gave their lives in service of their country in World War I and World War II."

Welcome & Gathering

(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)

Opening Hymn #528

(please stand as you are able)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Text: Psalm 90, para. Isaac Watts
Music: William Croft

Confession & Absolution

Presider: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

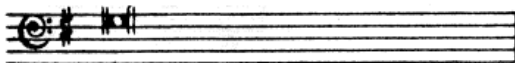
Please kneel as you are able.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

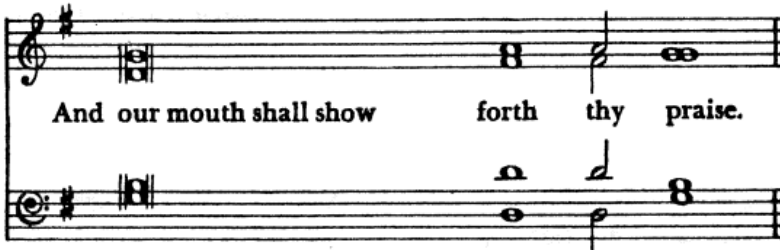
All: Amen.

Minister

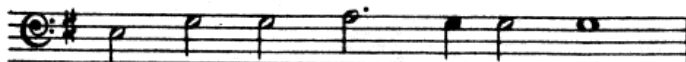


O Lord, open thou our lips;

People

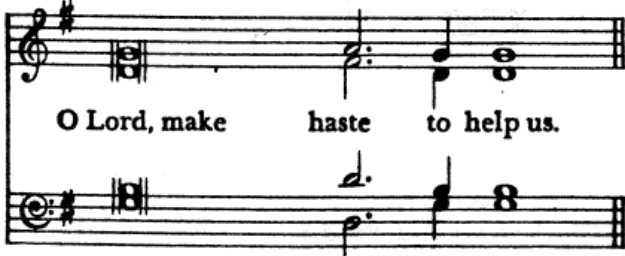


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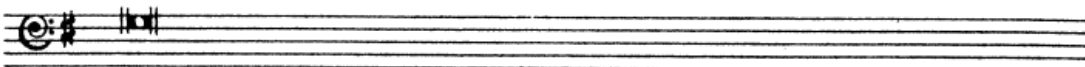
O God, make speed to save us;

People



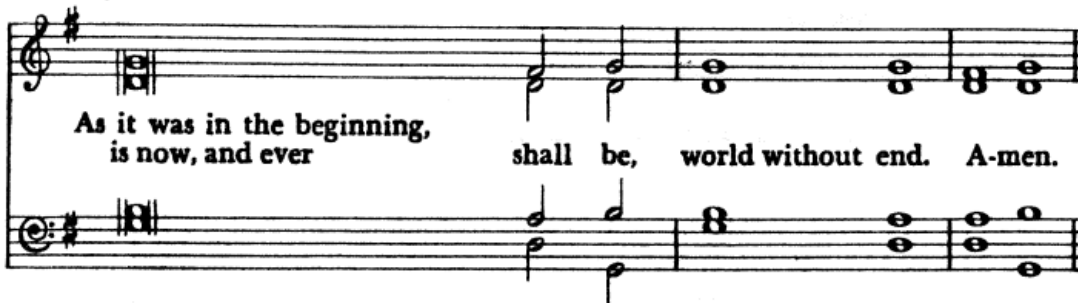
Please stand as you are able.

Minister



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People



Minister

Praise ye the Lord;

People

The Lord's Name be praised.

Venite, exultemus Deo (Psalm 95)

S. Arnold

Today's *Venite* and *Jubilate* are sung to Anglican chants, which are repeating formulas traditionally used for psalm singing. Each line begins with a reciting tone (where we chant with speech-like rhythms) followed by a melodic conclusion. The vertical lines correspond with the measures in the music notation; the dots show the groupings of syllables.

All: O come, let us | sing unto • the | Lord ||
 let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation. ||

Let us come before his | presence with | thanksgiving ||
 and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms. ||

For the Lord is a | great | God ||
 and a great | King a•bove | all | gods. ||

In his hand are all the | corners • of the | earth ||
 and the | strength of • the | hills is • his | also. ||

The sea is | his, and • he | made it ||
 and his | hands pre- | pared the • dry | land. ||

O come, let us worship and | fall | down ||
 and | kneel be•fore the | Lord our | Maker. ||

For he is the | Lord our | God ||
 and we are the people of his pasture, | and the | sheep of • his | hand. ||

**Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, ||
and | to the | Holy | Ghost; ||**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, ||
world without | end. | A- | men. ||**

First Lesson

(please be seated)

Reader: The First Lesson is written in the Book of Wisdom, in chapter three, beginning at the first verse.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Wisdom 3:1-8

Reader: Here endeth the First Lesson.

Psalm 116:1-9

Leader: My delight is in the Lord:

All: because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

Leader: Because he hath inclined his ear unto me:

All: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Leader: The cords of death compassed me round about

All: and the pains of hell gat hold up-on me.

Leader: I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the Name of the Lord:

All: 'O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.'

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:

All: yea, our God is merciful.

Leader: The Lord preserveth the simple:

All: I was in misery and he helped me.

Leader: Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul:
All: for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Leader: For thou hast delivered my soul from death:
All: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

Leader: I will walk before the Lord:
All: in the land of the living.

(please remain seated)
C.V. Stanford

Te Deum Morning Service in B-flat, Op. 10

Choir: We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Second Lesson

Reader: The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel of John, in chapter six, beginning at the thirty-seventh verse.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.' *John 6:37-40*

Reader: Here endeth the Second Lesson.

(please remain seated)

Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

J. Battishill



All: O be joyful in the Lord, | all ye | lands: ||
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence| with a | song. ||

Be ye sure that the | Lord • he is | God; ||
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people | and the |sheep
of • his | pasture. ||

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his |
courts with | praise; ||
be thankful unto him, | and speak | good of • his | Name. ||

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | ever- | lasting; ||
and his truth endureth from gene- | ration to | gene-| ration. ||

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, ||
and | to the | Holy | Ghost; ||

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, ||
world without | end. | A- | men. ||**

Homily "What Happens When We Die?" *(please be seated)*

Anthem Grant Us Thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn

Choir: Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord
O Source of ev'ry blessing!
We cannot keep Thy saving Word
Unless Thy peace possessing.
Thy peace O give
By which we live.

The Apostles' Creed *(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, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister



The Lord be with you;

People

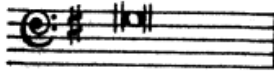


And with thy spirit.

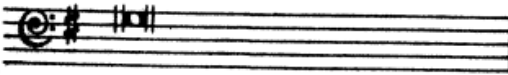


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Minister

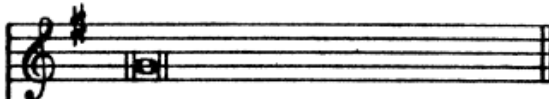


Let us pray.

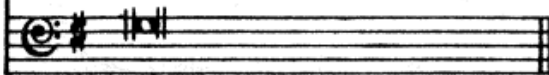


Lord, have mercy upon us.

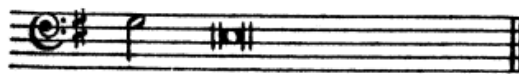
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Christ, have mercy upon us.

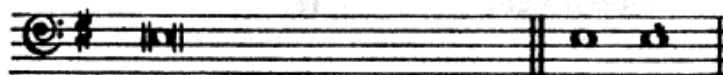


Minister



Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister and People

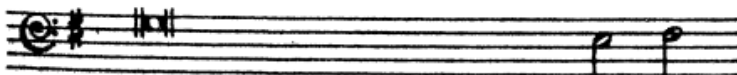


Our Father, &c.

A - men.

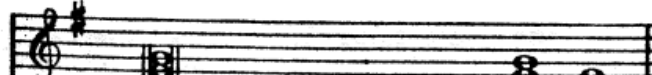
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest

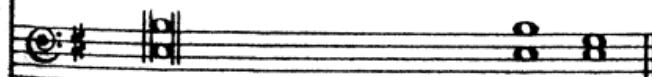


O Lord, show thy mercy up - on us;

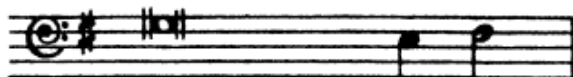
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And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



Priest

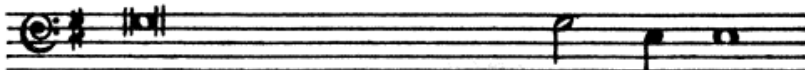


O Lord, save the King.

People

And mercifully hear us
when we call up - on thee.

Priest

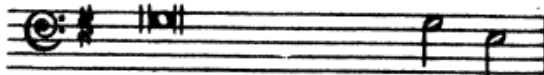


Endue thy ministers with right - eous - ness;

People

And make thy chosen people joy - ful.

Priest



O Lord, save thy peo - ple;

People

And bless thine in - her - i - tance.

Priest

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People

And evermore mightily de - fend us.

Priest

O God, make clean our hearts with - in us;

People

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Act of Remembrance

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

Reading of the names of CCDP parishioners who died in the two Great Wars.

Presider: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

An offering will be collected during the hymn.

Offertory Hymn #24

Abide With Me

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Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry Lyte
Music: William Henry Monk

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Gracious and righteous Lord, we are united in the love of Jesus Christ. Accept all we offer you this day, and bring us, with all your faithful people who have gone before us, into his eternal glory; who is Lord, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Intercessions

(please kneel or be seated)

Leader: O LORD God Almighty, who rulest the nations of the earth, we humbly beseech thee with thy favour to behold our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, that in all things he may be led by thy guidance and protected by thy power. We pray thee also to bless all the Royal Family. Endue with wisdom the Governor-General of this Dominion, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces, the Legislators of the Commonwealth and Empire, and all who are set in authority; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ **Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God,

All: **who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**

The Grace

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

The Last Post and Reveille

Between the Last Post and Reveille, a two-minute silence will be kept.

The National Anthem #659 v. 1

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true north strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Text: Robert S. Weir
Music: Calixa Lavallée

The Royal Anthem #660 v. 1

God save our gracious king,
long live our noble king,
God save the king:
Send him victorious
happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the king.

Text: R. Murray
Music: *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1743

Concluding Prayer

Presider: O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Announcements

Stewardship Testimonial

Recessional Hymn #593

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O God of Every Nation

O God of every nation,
Of every race and land,
Redeem your whole creation
With your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us
And bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us
And heal our strife torn world.

From search for wealth and power
And scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower
Destruction through the night,
From pride of race and station
And blindness to your way,
Deliver ev'ry nation,
Eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen all who labour
That we may find release
From fear of rattling saber,
From dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision
Of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division
Give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious
When truth and love shall reign
And Christ shall rule victorious
O'er all the world's domain.

Text: William Reid, Jr.

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Postlude Sleep, Dearie, Sleep – “Soldier, lie down”

Traditional Scottish Lament

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

Please join us for coffee hour in Elliott Hall.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given by Christ Church Deer Park to the glory of God and in memory of those who gave their lives in service of their country.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher:

Stephen Drakeford

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Stefani Bedin

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Kieran Kane

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James Harding MacDonald

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A Profile of one of the Men of Our Parish who Died in the First Great War

Corporal Melville Sealy Crawford, born May 10, 1899, the son of Archibald J. and Ethen Agnes Crawford of Summerhill Avenue. Died October 12, 1918. He is buried in the Plymouth Cemetery in Devon, UK. The newspaper clipping is from the Toronto Telegram.



CORP M. S. CRAWFORD.

Word of the death of his only son, Corporal Melville S. Crawford, has been received by A. J. Crawford, 46 Summerhill ave. Corp. Crawford was only nineteen years of age and had only left for overseas a short while ago. Though no particulars have been received, it is concluded that the boy was taken ill on the voy-



age and died soon after reaching England. Corporal Crawford enlisted in the Canadian Engineers last May. Prior to that he had served for two years on the staff of the Parkdale branch of the Bank of Commerce.

A small, dark, square portrait of the same man as in the larger image on the left, positioned to the left of the main text block.

A Profile of one of the Men of Our Parish who Died in the Second Great War

Sergeant Raymond Alfred Ferrier, born December 20, 1920, the son of Alfred and Elizabeth Ferrier of Roslyn Avenue. Died May 18, 1941. He is buried in the Saffron Walden Cemetery in Essex, UK. The newspaper clipping is from the Toronto Telegram.



TORONTO AIRMAN KILLED IN ACTION

Sgt. Pilot Raymond Ferrier,
Roslyn Ave., Thought Serv-
ing in Scotland

Parents of Sergeant Pilot Raymond Ferrier were notified yesterday of the death of their son in action with the air force overseas. It is believed he was in an RAF Hurricane squadron, operating in Scotland.



Raymond Ferrier

Sergt. Pilot Ferrier only recently wrote home to his parents, who live on Roslyn avenue, Toronto, that he had had tea with the King and Queen. It was only a month ago that he wrote describing a visit to Buckingham Palace.

"The King and Queen, with the two Princesses, walked in followed by their Cairn terriers," he wrote. "It was really wonderful. We were all introduced to the King and Queen personally. The King asked about our trip over and about our training. I spent a good deal of time with the Princesses, who are really marvellous."

Sergt. Pilot Ferrier's father lost a leg in the Great War, and his uncle, R.S.M. Alexander Ferrier of the Black Watch, won the D.C.M. A brother is with the signallers overseas.

Materials gathered from the Canadian Virtual War Memorial

(<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial>)

-----ANNOUNCEMENTS-----

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHISHING EMAILS: Some of you have received emails purporting to be from the clergy or staff, when in reality they are from an impersonator using a different email address. Phishing emails are something all churches are dealing with in this digital age. Our IT consultant recommends the following: being sure to check that the sender's email address is indeed correct, to help verify if the email is truly from the staff/clergy member; and, if it is a phishing email, to block the address it came from. The official email addresses for staff are listed on the inside cover of this bulletin (9:15am or 10:30am) or can be found on our website.

WORSHIP

JAZZ VESPERS this month is on November 10th (TODAY, featuring the Jake Koffman Quartet) and November 24th at 4:30pm. The service on November 24th will be feature the music from A Charlie Brown Christmas. For details about which musicians are playing, please visit our website.

CHURCH ON TAP/DINNER CHURCH this month is Friday, November 29 at 6:30pm!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Mark your calendars now!

Christmas Eve Services: 4pm (Family Service); 7pm (Jazzy Christmas);
9pm (Traditional), *with 8:30pm Carol Sing with choir & Organ preludes*
Christmas Day Service: 10am (BCP Holy Eucharist)

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.

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. 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

SILENCE IS GOD'S FIRST LANGUAGE (JOHN OF THE CROSS): Advent is a time gifted to us when we can connect with God as we anticipate the birth of his son, Jesus. It is sometimes considered a period of darkness or silence before the light. However, there is light in the darkness. We are going to explore the hope we experience in the darkness using Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. You can purchase your book now from Reverend Cathy for \$20 (only 20 copies available).

Dates: Tuesdays of November 26, December 3, 10 & 17

Time: 7:15pm-8:30pm

Place: Zoom

To Register: please send an email to cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org

ADVENT POETRY READING: Advent and Christmas come around each year, so the question often is: how do we engage in a new way with a two-thousand-year-old story that is so well-known? How do we imagine the Incarnation in the twenty-first century? Well, W.H. Auden pondered these questions in his long poem *For the Time Being*, an attempt to see Christmas as both a moment in the history of the Roman Empire and Judaism and as an ever-new and always contemporary event for those of faith. Join us as we read together this poem over four evenings in Advent. You can purchase the book from Rev. Stephen for \$25 (only 20 copies available).

Dates: Wednesdays of November 27, December 4, 11 & 18

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Place: In person in the sanctuary

To RSVP: please email Rev. Stephen as sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org

All welcome!

COMMUNITY BUILDING

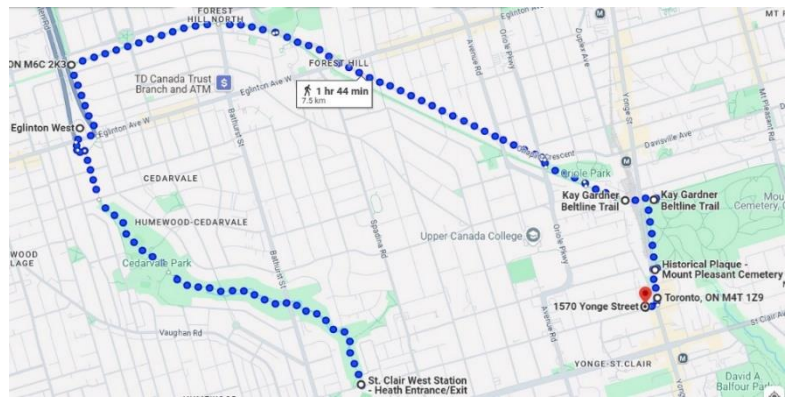
RETREATS:

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 together and Rev. Stephen will lead us in a time of reflection on the 10:30am service and what the future may hold. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you hope to attend. *A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of lunch, but this is not required.*

PARISH DINNER: Friday, November 15th at 6:30pm. Please sign up for a *catered dinner*, an evening of friendship, and perhaps a joke or a story or two told. Regardless, an evening of laughs and warmth! Indicate on the sign-up sheet or email Rev. Stephen to RSVP: sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org *A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of dinner, but this is not required.*

CCDP WALKING GROUP – CELEBRATING CHRIST’S REIGN ON A SPIRITUAL WALK:

Stephen Drakeford and Brad Lennon will lead an 8 km urban hike on the day just before Advent begins, Saturday, November 30. Beginning from the church office doors at 10 a.m., our group will travel by streetcar to the St. Clair West subway station. Walking from there through the Cedarvale Ravine, we will (at 2.5 km) pass by the Eglinton West station, a drop-out point for those who might wish to return earlier than the rest of the walkers. We shall walk north from Eglinton to follow the Kay Gardner Beltline Trail. There will be another drop-out point 2.5 km later as we again cross Eglinton to head east back to Yonge Street, then South through Mount Pleasant Cemetery to the church. We can lunch together at one of the restaurants in the Yonge/St. Clair neighbourhood, but bring along on the walk something to drink. In keeping with our liturgical season, we will walk at a leisurely pace to observe Christ’s Reign surrounding us. We will be journeying on mostly flat, well-maintained trails with hard-packed surfaces.



BRIDGE GROUP: Tuesdays from 1-3pm in the Arthur Smith Room. All are welcome to join us for a game of bridge!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: For every 1C rise in average temperature, the atmosphere can hold about 7% more moisture. This can result in more droplets and heavier rainfall, sometimes in a shorter space of time and over a smaller area. Globally, heavy rainfall events have become more frequent and intense over most land regions due to human activity, according to the UN's climate body, the IPCC. It says this pattern will continue with further warming.

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!

CHRISTMAS FAIR BAKING BEE! Two Options:

A. 1:00pm-4:00 pm Wednesday Nov 20, Elliott Hall Kitchen

B. 6:00pm-9:00pm Wednesday Nov 20, Elliott Hall Kitchen

Are you interested in baking for the Christmas Fair, but don't feel confident enough about your baking skills? Or maybe you would really enjoy some fellowship for this holiday tradition.

Sign-up and join us for either our afternoon or evening session. We're planning to have lots of fun and the mess won't be in your kitchen!

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

Wednesday, November 13

11:00am Holy Eucharist
In person

Thursday, November 14

10:00am Daily Office
In person

Friday, November 15

6:30pm Parish Dinner
In Elliott Hall

Saturday, November 16

8am-9:30am Community Breakfast

Sunday, November 17

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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