Christ Church Deer Park

November 3, 2024 The Feast of All Saints Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Pandita Mary Ramabai. Brigid of Kildare. *The Apostle Paul.* Antony of Egypt. *Valentine.* Joseph of Nazareth. *Cuthbert.* Patrick of Ireland. *Oscar Romero.* Catherine of Sienna. The Apostle M hew. Julian of Norwich. *Philip.* The Venerable Bed *he Apostle Mark.* Josephine uke. Joan of Arc. Butler. Augustin Matthias. Columb John the Apostle. he Apostle. Peter. Gregory, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Thom: Bishop of Nýssa. Ignati *fLovola.* Clare of Assisi. Florence Nightingale. *uca*, John Chr vsostom. Hildegard, Abbess of I gen. William of Tyndale. Hermit. Margery Kempe. Francis of Assisi. I Hilda, Abbess of Whitby. Cecilia. Lucy the Martyr. Matthias. Josephine Bútler. Janani Lúwum. Lórenzo Ruiz. Josephine Bakhita. Teresa of Avila.

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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Ways to Serve & Get Involved

Community Breakfast - Carl Wehniainen, Lead Congregational Care Team – Ann Atkins, Lead Prayer Circle – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

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Prelude Prélude sur le nom d'Alain op. 7

Welcome & Gathering

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

Opening Hymn #283 v. 1, 2V, 3

By All Your Saints Still Striving

(please stand as you are able) KING'S LYNN

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed! You rose, our King Victorious, that they might wear the crown, and ever shine in splendour reflected from your throne.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song; for them and those whose witness is only known to you, by walking in their footsteps we give you praise anew.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three-in-One, till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne, ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson Music: English traditional, adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Gathering

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.

(please remain standing)

Gloria Communion Service in F

Choir: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will toward all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

- Presider: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son 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 Book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

Revelation 21:1-6a

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-8

G. Black

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

All:
Pre - cious in the sight of our God is the death of all ser - vants.
Cantor:
I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you. *Refrain*

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon your name O God: "My defender, I pray you, save my life." *Refrain*

Gracious are you and righteous; a God who is full of compassion. You watch over the innocent; I was brought very low, and you helped me. *Refrain*

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for God has treated you well. For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. *Refrain*

I will walk in your presence, O God in the land of the living. *Refrain*

Sequence Hymn #281 v. 1, 2

Who are These Like Stars Appearing

Who are these like stars appearing, these before God's throne who stand?

(please stand as you are able) ALL SAINTS Each a golden crown is wearing; who are all this glorious band? "Alleluia!" hark, they sing, praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these in dazzling brightness, clothed in God's own righteousness? These whose robes of purest whiteness shall their lustre still possess, still untouched by time's rude hand -whence come all this glorious band?

Text: Theobald Schenck Music: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, adapt. W. Monk

The Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

John 11:32-44

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.All:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sequence Hymn #281 v. 4, 5

Who are These Like Stars Appearing

These are they whose hearts were riven, sore with woe and anguish tried, who in prayer full oft have striven with the God they glorified; now, their painful conflict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.

These, the Almighty contemplating, did as priests before him stand, soul and body always waiting day and night at his command: now, in God's most holy place, blest they stand before his face.

Text: Theobald Schenck Music: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, adapt. W. Monk

Homily

Music for Reflection

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, 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
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We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past:
For Abraham and Sarah, the parents of all believers, for Moses the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest: We give you thanks, O Lord.
For Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, for Samuel with Hannah his mother; We give you thanks, O Lord.
For David, king and psalmist of Israel, for Isaiah and the prophets; We give you thanks, O Lord.
For Mary, the mother of our Lord, for Joseph, Elizabeth and John the Baptist; We give you thanks, O Lord.
For Peter and Paul and the apostles, for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus; We give you thanks, O Lord.
For Stephen, the first martyr, for Ignatius and Polycarp, for Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Oscar Romero, and all the martyrs ancient and modern; We give you thanks, O Lord.
For Augustine, Luther, Calvin and Wesley and all reformers and evangelists, for Hilda, Julian of Norwich, Mother Teresa and saintly women whose example of devotion inspires us to be your saints and faithful witnesses; We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: In your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as you give to all the faithful, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of many from the dead. **Amen.**

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.
- 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.

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 #282 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.

One family, we live in him, one church above, beneath, though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.

But all unite in Christ their head, and love to sing his praise:



DUNDEE

Lord of the living and the dead, direct our earthly ways!

So we shall join our friends above who have obtained the prize; and on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.

Text: Charles Wesley Music: Scottish Psalter

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

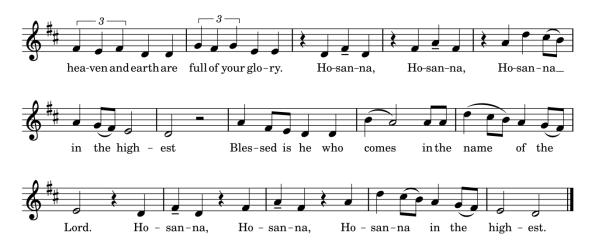
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

- All: We lift them up to God.
- Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
- All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
- Presider: It is right to glorify you, Almighty Creator, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we sing

Sanctus & Benedictus Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne





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Presider: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

> Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

> And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end:

> at supper with them he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

> After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Holy God, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

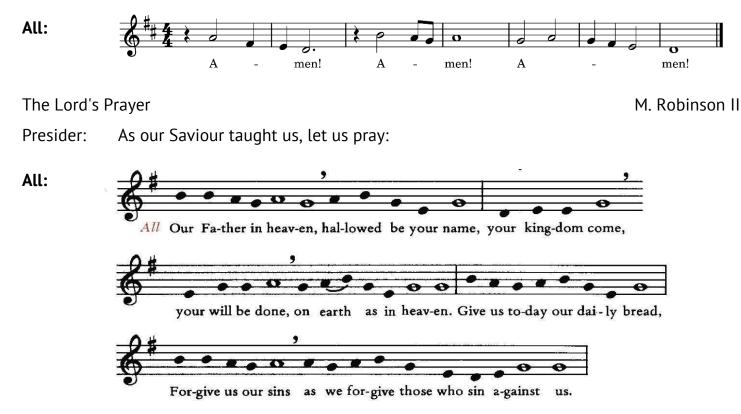
All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

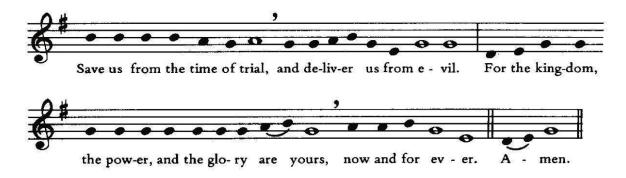
Presider: Holy God, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

> Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

> And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

> Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.





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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(please be seated) Harold Darke

- Agnus Dei Communion Service in F
- Choir: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

Communion Motet

Edgar Bainton

And I Saw a New Heaven

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. - Revelation 21:1-6

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

- Presider: Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.
- 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: Go on your way rejoicing; Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself up from a fall, In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving. The blessing of God Most Wonderful, whom the saints have trusted as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and ever more.

All:

Announcements

Closing Hymn #276 v. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8

Amen!

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day -the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: W. Walsham How; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

SINE NOMINE

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 Sine Nomine

John Weaver

This postlude is based on the All Saints hymn tunes "Sine Nomine," "Sarum" and "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the church are given by Christ Church Deer Park to the glory of God and in loving memory of all who have died in our parish.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher: Cathy Gibbs

Director of Music: Stefani Bedin

Section Leads: Kelsey Taylor, Julia Barber Peter Warren, Lucas Kuipers

Guest Vocalists: Eliza-Jane Callander, Kieran Kane

> Crucifer: Bianca Mathews

> > Reader: Bob Shea

Prayers: Stephen Clark

Warden on Duty: Stephen Clark

Sidesperson: John Goodwin

Livestream Technician: James Finnerty

Flower Arrangement: Monica Peel

> Verger: Rikk Scapillato

----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!

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 or can be found on our website.

WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 10 is **All Souls and Remembrance Sunday**. BCP Eucharist at 8am; contemporary Eucharist at 9:15am; BCP Choral Matins (no Eucharist) at 10:30am with Honour Roll.

JAZZ VESPERS this month is on November 10th 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.

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 <u>communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org</u>.

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 <u>communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org</u>

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 All welcome!

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.) 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 breakfast, but this is not required*.

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: <u>sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org</u> *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: The Rev. Dr. 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

SHARE WARMTH THIS FALL: Our Community Breakfast program doesn't just feed people: we pass out seasonal essentials such as clothing and boots. This fall, we are in need of the following: new winter socks; gently used men's and women's sweaters, hoodies, winter coats, shoes, boots, slippers, gloves, hats, and scarves. Please bring your donations on a Sunday or throughout the week and drop them off in the bin in the Atrium. Our guests are very appreciative - thank you!

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP: In February 2024, the EU weather service Copernicus recently confirmed that the critical 1.5C global warming threshold set in the Paris Agreement was breached over a twelve-month period for the first time in history, with global temperatures at 1.58C above the 19th century benchmark. While this does not signal a permanent breach of the limit, which scientists say is measured over decades, it sends a clear warning to humanity that we are approaching the point of no return much faster than expected.

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-shownee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nahbek*) 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.

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> Wednesday, November 6 11:00am Holy Eucharist

> > **Thursday, November 7** 10:00am Daily Office

Sunday, November 10

8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP) Followed by 8:00am Parishioners' Retreat in the Arthur Smith Room

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Choral Matins In person & Livestreamed

4:30pm Jazz Vespers

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