

# Christ Church Deer Park

January 12, 2025  
The Baptism of the Lord  
**Holy Baptism**  
at 10:30 am

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**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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*People's Warden* – Su Laine Varkey

*Deputy Warden* – Katherine MacDonald

*Deputy Warden* – Paul Kingston

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*Choir* – Stefani Bedin

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*Flower Guild* – Pat Butler, Coordinator

*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Stephen Drakeford

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*Welcome Team* – Paul Kingston, Coordinator

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*Property Committee* – Andrew Harding, Chair

*Stewardship Committee* – Stephen Clark

*Investment Committee* – Michael Butler, Chair

*Truth and Reconciliation* – TBD, Lead

*Climate Action Group* – Brad Lennon, Lead

*Rummage Re-Imagined* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

*Spiritus* – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &

Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

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

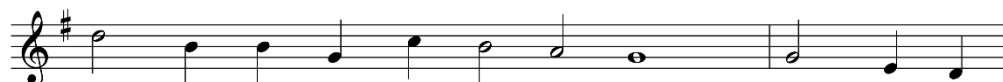
Processional Hymn *(please stand as you are able)*

When John Baptized by Jordan's River

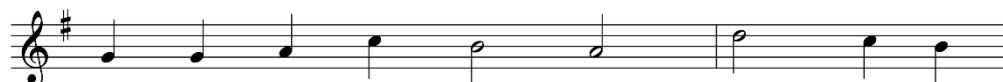
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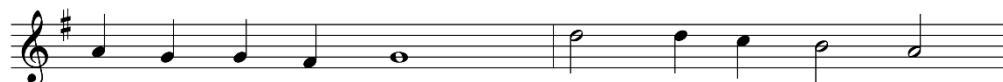
1. When John bap - tized by Jor - dan's riv - er  
2. There as the Lord, bap - tized and pray - ing,  
3. O Son of Man, our na - ture shar - ing,



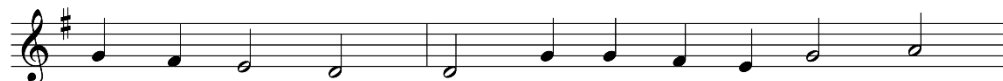
In faith and hope the peo - ple came, That John and  
Rose from the stream, the sin - less one, A voice was  
In whose o - be - dience all are blest, Sav - ior, our



Jor - dan might de - liv - er Their trou - bled  
heard from heav - en say - ing, "This is my  
sins and sor - rows bear - ing, Hear us and



souls from sin and shame. They came to seek a  
own be - lov - ed Son." There as the Fa - ther's  
grant us this re - quest: Dai - ly to grow, by



new be - gin - ning, The hu - man spir - it's age - less  
word was spo - ken, Not in the pow'r of wind and  
grace de - fend - ed, Filled with the Spir - it from a -



quest, Re - pent - ance, and an end of  
flame, But of his love and peace the  
bove; In Christ bap - tized, be - loved, be -



sin - ning, Re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed.  
to - ken, Seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.  
friend - ed, Chil - dren of God in peace and love.

## 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

New Plainsong

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - mighty,  
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glo - ry. 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 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
re - ceive our prayer. 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 Spir - it,



The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders:  
God is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of God is a powerful voice;  
the voice of God is a voice of splendour. *Refrain*

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees;  
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. *Refrain*

The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of God shakes the wilderness;  
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Holy One all are crying, "Glory!" *Refrain*

God sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.  
The Holy One shall give strength to all people;  
God shall give the people the blessing of peace. *Refrain*

**Sequence Hymn #45 v. 1, 2**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Down Galilee's slow roadways, a stranger travelled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters, with soldier, scribe, and slave,  
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river, he saw the heavens torn;  
it seemed the sky was open to show the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended; he heard a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved- my child, my heart, my choice."

Text: S. G. Dunstan  
Music: J. Steurlein

**The Gospel**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."  
*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

### Sequence Hymn #45 v. 3

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water again a voice is heard:  
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

Text: S. G. Dunstan  
Music: J. Steurlein

### Homily

**Motet** The Baptism of Christ

Peter Hallock

*Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.* [Jesus was on this day baptised in the Jordan.]  
When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;  
the Father's voice was heard in the place.

*Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.* [This is my son, listen to him.]

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord, the  
Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan, at our  
last end, we pray thee, say then:

*Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

## **The Celebration of Baptism**

*(please stand as you are able)*

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Stephen: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents

& Sponsors: We present Ethan / Margot to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Stephen: Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents

& Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Stephen: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents

& Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

### *Introduction to the promises.*

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

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

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

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

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

Parents &

Godparents: I renounce them.

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

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

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

Parents &

Godparents: I do.



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

Parents &

Godparents: I do.

*The priest addresses the congregation.*

Stephen: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ethan and Margot in their lives in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Stephen: Let us now pray for Ethan and Margot who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Katherine: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Katherine: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Katherine: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Katherine: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Katherine: Send them into this world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Katherine: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Katherine: 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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Stephen: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

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

Stephen: 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.**

Stephen: 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.**

Stephen: 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.**

Stephen: 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.**

Stephen: We give you thanks for you have called Ethan and Margot 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.**

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

### The Baptismal Covenant

Cathy: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Cathy: 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.**

Cathy: 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.**

Cathy: 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.**

Cathy: 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.**

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

**People: I will, with God's help.**

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

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Cathy: 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.**

Cathy: 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

*(please be seated)*

Stephen: Ethan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Cathy: Margot June, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Stephen: Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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

Cathy: 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.**

Cathy: 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)*

Cathy: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

### **Sharing What We Have**

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

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## **Sharing What We Have**

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

### **Ways to Give Financially**

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

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## 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.

Text: © 1981 Ronald S. Cole-Turner  
Music: Edward Elgar

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,

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

## Blessing

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Announcements

## Closing Hymn #162

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

Sing of God made manifest  
In a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem

Where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound,  
Signs mysterious and profound:  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold  
Grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest  
When at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by You,  
But Your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heav'n a double sign–  
Dove-like Spirit, voice divine–  
Hailed the true Anointed One:  
“This is My beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest  
When Christ came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign,  
Turning water into wine;  
Further still was love revealed  
As He taught, forgave and healed,  
Bringing light and life to all  
Who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest  
On the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
Where both voice and vision waned  
Until Christ alone remained:  
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
Giv'n as Jesus set His face  
Towards the waiting cross and grave,  
Sign of hope that God would save.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. ©1990 Hope Publishing Co.  
Music: Jacob Hintze

## **Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Go in peace to serve God and each other.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Postlude** *In Dir Ist Freude*, “In Thee is Gladness” BWV 615

J.S. Bach

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour.*

*For those who wish to receive reserved communion, please come to the chapel.*

***Assisting with the Liturgy***

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Reader:  
Paul Gooch

Prayers:  
Katherine MacDonald

Warden on Duty:  
Katherine MacDonald

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Andrew Harding

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Vergers:  
Rikk Scapillato

## ----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

### WORSHIP

**HEALING SERVICE:** A service for healing is being planned for Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. This service will be elegantly simply focusing on the prayers for our and our loved ones healing—spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

**CHURCH ON TAP:** We will gather together at 7pm on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> for an hour of worship, music, and prayer – followed by a time of fellowship over snacks and beer! Please join us!

**JAZZ VESPERS:** Our January services are at 4:30pm TODAY and January 26<sup>th</sup>. Our musicians for this afternoon are the Amanda Tosoff Trio; and, on January 26<sup>th</sup> we'll have the music of Antonio Carlow Jobim performed by the Anthony D'Alessandro Trio. All are welcome!

**JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Have you rediscovered your love of singing this Christmas? Then consider joining CCDP's choir! The parish choir (currently 18 voices) meets for weekly rehearsal from September to June on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm, and at 9:45am on Sunday mornings in preparation for singing at the 10:30am service and other special events. If you are potentially interested in joining, please contact Stefani, our Director of Music, at [sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org)

### PASTORAL

**FIRST AID TRAINING:** We are looking to do staff & volunteer first aid training at CCDP, with our goal being to have one parishioner representative from each service trained in first aid and CPR along with our staff. If you might like to participate in this training to help make our church a safer place, please contact Amanda at [ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:ajagt@christchurchdeerpark.org) (Also, take a look in our Atrium – we have our new AED-defibrillator installed!)

**PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org).

**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](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org)



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SEASON OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL:** The Diocese of Toronto embarked last spring on a two-year Season of Spiritual Renewal; all congregations are invited to participate in numerous ways, deepening our relationship with one another and with God. So, during this busy and cold season as we start the new year, please consider participating in one or both of the following online workshops offered by the Diocese. Information is below, and registration links for both can be found on this website: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

February 11, 1-2pm

### **Introducing the *Christian Foundations* Discipleship Resource**

Led by Judy Paulsen

*This workshop will introduce participants to the Christian Foundations workbook, being used across Canada to ground people in the faith. We'll see how this resource introduces people to an overview of the gospel message, the story of Israel, who Jesus is and what he taught, how the church got started, and basic practices of the Christian life.*

*Participants will also be introduced to the facilitator's tip sheet, to help them use this workbook in a small group setting.*

February 12, 1-2pm

### **Telling Our Story: Working with the Holy Spirit to Build Up Our Congregation**

Led by Louise Dightam

*Sometimes the Spirit invites people looking for a spiritual home to come through the doors of our churches. This workshop explores practical and inexpensive strategies to work with the Spirit to inspire more seekers to come and see what God is doing in your congregation. We'll look at sharing the Gospel outside our walls, promoting events and worship services, welcome ministry, and managing the reputation of our congregation in the community.*

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 10:30!** Happy (calendar) new year! For those of you who resolved to help more with coffee hour after the 10:30 service, this is your chance. My schedule in January through much of February is unpredictable as I will be in Michigan for several weeks but I don't know which ones, so I need your help if there is to be a coffee hour. We need at least two people each week. It involves bringing goodies, getting prepared before the 10:30 service starts, putting out the coffee and tea etc. and clean up afterwards, and the more the merrier for the clean up part in particular. If you are only available before the service or after the service, find a friend or two to team up with for the other part. I have

updated the notes on what to do and where stuff is, and posted it on the corkboard in the kitchen. The sign up sheet is next to the goodies at coffee time, or email me. Thank you! ~Sandra

**GREETERS:** Do you like to make people feel welcome? Would you like to greet at Church? Please let Rev. Stephen know, speak to him or email him ([sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)), and we'll put together teams for each of our services. It is all about making the visitor and newcomer welcome.

**9:15AM POTLUCK:** Our potluck has been moved to Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>! Join us after the 9:15am service in Elliott Hall for fellowship and feasting.

**10:30AM RETREAT:** On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> we'll gather after the 10:30am service in Elliott Hall for a time of reflection, prayer, and a catered lunch. Please RSVP to Rev. Stephen at [sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)

**FLOWER GUILD:** With the much-deserved retirement of our Flower Guild we are looking to reconstitute the Flower Guild so that the church can continue to mark the memorials of our loved ones and beautify and decorate the church for our Christian festivals. Please speak to Rev. Stephen and email him at [sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** ...Climate change is not merely a fossil-fuels problem. It's a spiritual crisis. In this drastically changed and changing scheme, many more of us are going to have to move—not just from the comfortable seat of our physical homes and late-stage capitalism, when they can no longer shelter us, but into a new relationship with nature and with one another. "Lessons for Survival: Mothering Against the 'Apocalypse'", Emily Raboteau, (2024), p. 124-125.

**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** The search for lithium is putting new pressures on Northern Indigenous communities and the demand is being spun into a provincial "mining boom". Ontario has its first ever Critical Mining Strategy (CMS) noting the province is "blessed with exquisite deposits of nickel, lithium, platinum, cobalt and dozens of other strategically important raw materials". The move to "green tech" will seem to have major environmental impacts as explorations continue and the testing is being done on lands belonging to four First Nations: Grassy Narrows, Wapekeka, Neskantaga and Big Trout Lake. The 4 Nations have formed an alliance to defend their lands and waters from this frenzy. Despite the focus on reconciliation these First Nations are protesting that they have been disregarded in the process. (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/first-nations-mining-act-court-application-1.7292351>)

**Please note: we are looking for more participants for the Truth & Reconciliation Working Group.** This group helps inform our congregation about current developments in Indigenous Reconciliation, especially where they pertain to the Anglican Church of Canada's historic and current relationship with Indigenous communities. Please email Cathy if you are interested, have suggestions, or have questions: [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)

## 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, January 14**  
11am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

**Thursday, January 15**  
10:00am Daily Prayer

**Sunday, January 19**  
8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

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



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