



Eblast for April 1, 2026

Please join us **SUNDAY** for In Person Worship



The Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter)

April 5, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presided by: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

The readings are: Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-

2, 14-24; Col 3:1-4; Mt 28:1-10.

The readings for the Vigil of Easter (April 4 at 8pm) are: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Isaiah 55:1-11; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10.

If unable to join us in person, you may join our livestream which begins at 10:30am Sunday mornings – from our website, www.christchurchanglican.ca and click on “service video”.

The Easter Vigil will not be livestreamed.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. Today, we offer the Holy Wednesday service at 12:00noon in the chapel – all are welcome.

Please note the usual 1pm Wed. Bible study is paused until May 6th (please note change in date).

2. **THURSDAY, April 2nd (tomorrow) is Maundy Thursday.** The service begins at 7pm. We are joined by St. George’s, Parish of the Blue Mountains. Please note there will be no book study this Thursday as it has concluded.

3. **A Good Friday service** is offered **April 3 beginning at 10:30AM**. All are welcome to join us in the 2nd service of the Triduum, marking the middle service of the Great Three Days, beginning with Maundy Thursday and ending with the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Day. **If you are unable to attend in person, both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be livestreamed, as well as Easter Sunday.**

4. Thank you to all those who came out to help make palm crosses last Saturday. We appreciate your help!



5. If you would like to join the Chancel Guild to decorate the church for Easter, please come out on **Saturday, April 4th at 10am**. Extra hands are appreciated.

6. **The Free Community Breakfast is paused on Easter Monday, April 6th**. It will resume Monday, April 13th, going from 8:30am to 10:00am. We wish all our volunteers a **Happy Easter!**

7. **Harmonies in the Midst of Madness and Miracle**— on **April 3rd at 4pm** – Trinity Lutheran Church Ayton -- in support of the Grey Bruce Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

8. **PASTORAL CARE:** **For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector at brendonbedford@diohuron.org or 226-974-5060.**

For all other concerns, questions, or ministries, please contact the office office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330.

Office hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am to 2:00pm.



To draw our eyes and hearts heavenward, Christ Church has opened - for this day only - our retractable roof. May the winds of the Holy Spirit fill our sacred space all the more.

April Fools!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sound Investment Community Choir presents **TRUE NORTH: CELEBRATING OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH SONG**. Sat., May 9, 2026 at 7:30pm. See posters and Louis Bernard for tickets.

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What's Blooming at Christ Church March 31st, 2026

Galanthus nivalis-Snowdrop, as its common name suggests, is one of the earliest spring bulbs to bloom. In fact it often is blooming under the snow. They have suddenly appeared, in the front lawn of Christ Church in the past few days. Native to Europe and West Asia, the plants were introduced to North America and have naturalized into many regions. Snowdrops are hardy herbaceous plants that survive by underground bulbs. Although mainly found as an early spring flower, there is a rarer autumn flowering version which has larger leaves and blooms.

Scientists have discovered that *Galanthus*, to help survive the cold, frost and ice crystals in snow, the leaves are coated in an enzyme that inhibits the creation of these crystals. They make the best show as drifts, in lawns, which can develop relatively easily over a few years after planting. *Galanthus* are relatively vigorous and will spread by forming bulb offsets, which are tiny bulbs which grow attached to the parent bulb. You may discover them appearing in lawns and in many cases have been transplanted by squirrels, from soil brought in which contained some of the tiny bulblets, or from seed that blew in from other properties. The leaves die back a few weeks after the flowers have faded, and is the case with most spring bulbs, the leaves should be left to feed the bulbs and allowed to die back naturally. Therefore avoid early mowing and/or vigorous raking of the lawns where they are growing.



The genus *Galanthus*, originates from the Greek gala meaning milk and anthos meaning flower. The species name, *nivalis* means “of the snow,” which refers either to the plants appearance through the snow or to the snow-like white flower.

Spring Garden Notes; Despite the annual urge to get out and rake your lawn, it is too early to do so in this area. Raking your grass early in the spring, although it may make you feel better and provide an excellent cardio work out, you can damage your lawn. The grass plants have been dormant and are just forming new roots and stems. The plants have also been slightly heaved out of the soil by frost action in the soil and raking can pull the plants further or entirely out of the soil. These open areas will be excellent sites for weed seeds to germinate and infest your lawn for the entire growing season. A light raking to remove surface twigs and leaves is permissible as long as you don't rake up grass leaves.

Despite the advertisements and promotions, early spring fertilizing of lawns should not be necessary. Most soils, unless in very poor condition, contain the amount of nitrogen available to provide the first flush of growth. Science has proven that lawns benefit more from a late spring-early summer fertilizing, especially if the lawn was fertilized late the previous fall. Let your lawn show you when and if it needs feeding. When grass growth

slows down after the initial rapid spring growth, late May to mid June, depending on the spring weather, that is when fertilizer applications can be made.

Now is the time to prune shrubs that prune on the new growth, but more on pruning next week.



Holy Week - 2026

Passion Sunday & Liturgy of the Palms	March 29	10:30am
Holy Monday	March 30	10:30am
Holy Tuesday	March 31	10:30am
Holy Wednesday	April 1	12:00pm
*Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00pm
Good Friday	April 3	10:30am
Easter Vigil	April 4	8:00pm
Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday)	April 5	10:30am

*Christ Church, Meaford is joined by St. George's, Parish of the Blue Mountains for this service.