



Eblast for May 6, 2026

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mothers' Day



May 10, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presided by: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector

Homilist: John Howard, Lay Reader

The readings are: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

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”.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. Our Wednesday Eucharist and Study Group is paused this Wednesday, May 7th. It resumes on Wednesday May 13, 2026. Following the service we will begin a study of the Book of Genesis. Please review chapter one. All are welcome!



2. The next Repair Cafe is Saturday, May 9th, and goes from 9am to 12noon. Bring your small broken items to be repaired and join us for a cup of coffee or tea AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.

3. Choir practice will begin Thursday, May 14th at 2:30pm. We are beginning a special anthem and look forward to your voice “in song” – new members welcome! We will continue the run-through of hymns Sunday mornings at 9:45am.



4. **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?** is a fundraiser for Christ Church Meaford on Saturday, May 23rd. You may consider being a host or a guest.

Hosts will provide the meal, their home and the number of guests they can seat at their table. Guests will have a fabulous evening full of wonderful friendship, fun and food!

Guests are asked to make a freewill donation with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican, Meaford.

Sign-up sheets for host (purple) or guest (blue) are available this Sunday – please fill them out or call the office to have one sent to you, 519-538-1330.

Info: Victoria Alcock, Carol Norton or Chris Clark or 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca For details, see poster following, or on bulletin boards.

5. Pentecost is coming and that means it is time to start planning for this year's Country Kitchen and Craft Sale! (CKCS) Those interested (new and old!) should plan to attend a quick opening meeting on Wednesday May 27 at 2p.m. We will meet in the upstairs hall. See you then. Kevin+

6. Please note that we have put up new notices, provided by our municipality and its contractor on the wall, in the hallway leading downstairs. We know our congregation will take notice of this new **Recyclable Material List** and follow it as much as possible. We also ask that all drop their compostable plates, napkins and cutlery and/or garbage in the appropriate-marked bins near the door as you exit the parish hall. *Thanks for your efforts in helping to make our church a good earth steward!*



7. **The Free Community Breakfast takes place every Monday (except stat holidays)** going from 8:30am to 10:00am. We hope to see you there.

8. **PASTORAL CARE:** For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn Sing with Ashton Dunk and David Hamilton – FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 at Kincardine United Church. Free will offering to the Royal Canadian College of Organists.



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What's Blooming at Christ Church, May 6th, 2026

Although not found on the grounds of Christ Church, Anglican, Meaford, the Forsythia in this photo, is blooming beside the driveway at 94 Nelson Street, Meaford. This was our first home in Meaford, from April of 2007 until April of 2019.

This shrub grew from a flowering branch in a bouquet of spring flowers brought by my wife Truda's parents on their first visit to Meaford in May of 2007. Truda's stepmother made up the bouquet from flowers blooming in their garden in Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario. That branch sprouted leaves and keeping it in water, it eventually formed roots after the flowers had faded. It was planted at its present location as a rooted cutting, in early June of 2007. Despite some drastic pruning over the 12-years we owned that property, it has grown to its present 8 1/2 foot height.

Forsythia, which is a member of the Olive family (Oleaceae), is one of Ontario's earliest blooming hardy shrubs. Its blooming is often used as an indicator of when soil temperatures are warm enough to plant

seeds such as lettuce, spinach, kale, carrots, beets, peas, radishes, Swiss chard, and turnips. The first week of May in Ontario is considered a transitional time, often still featuring wet cool conditions. The last frosts in this area of the province are typically occurring around May 11th to 24th, although killing frosts have occurred as late as June 6th. Temperatures will continue to fluctuate, so although one might be tempted to plant early, it is advised to hold off planting tender, warm-weather plants until late May or June, to avoid frost damage. Although protection from frost using various coverings might help, soil temperatures need to be considered as many tender plants can suffer root damage from "cold feet." Seed potatoes can be planted in the next week or so, along with onion and shallot sets. This is also an excellent time to plant new trees, shrubs and hardy perennials, or to transplant existing ones. Although I personally prefer to divide perennials in August or early September after they have bloomed, early blooming perennials can be divided now.

In a recent culling of some of my collection of books, I came across a booklet that the Reverend Barbara Liotskos so kindly gave to me before she and Bishop Gordon Light moved west to British Columbia a number of years ago, titled "Beautiful Plants of the Bible." "Plants are mentioned in the Bible in the first chapter of the first book: Genesis 1:11-"**And God said, Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind.**"

I thought some of the readers would find some excerpts of interest and I will include some snippets from that book in future submissions to the weekly eblasts, as space permits.

John Howard NPD.

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Save the Date:

Saturday, May 23

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?



Are you going to be a Host? Or.....

Are you going to be a Guest?



Our Hosts
will provide a delicious dinner in their home!

Our Guests
will have a fabulous evening
full of wonderful friendship, fun, and food!

We respectfully ask our Guests for a freewill donation;
with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican.
Thank you!



To help keep the Little Free Pantry stocked, please consider bringing a non-perishable item with you to Sunday's worship service each week. This service, and the Meaford Foodbank, are widely used.

We so appreciate the generosity of our parishioners and friends. Thank you.

Today's Chuckle: A Bishop speaking about the "water of life", asked the younger members of the congregation where their drinking water came from. A little boy jumped up and quickly said, "From the Lord my Pump".

Said a little boy to his vicar:

"I don't pray every night because there are some nights when I don't need anything".

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HYMN SING

**With Ashton Dunk
and David Hamilton**

FRIDAY MAY 29, 2026

7:00 – 8:00pm

Kincardine United Church

**Free will offering to the RCCO
visiting clinician fund**

