



CHRIST CHURCH  
ANGLICAN  
MEAFORD

## Eblast for May 27, 2026

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



### Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presided by: The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell, Honorary Assistant; Homilist; The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector.

The readings are: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

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](http://www.christchurchanglican.ca) and click on “service video”.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. **PLEASE NOTE:** Today, Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Midweek Eucharist (BCP) and Bible Study will be PAUSED – returning June 3.



2. **TODAY, Wed., May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 AT 2PM**, join us to help plan this year's Country Kitchen and Craft Sale! (CKCS) We will meet in the upstairs hall. See you then. Kevin+

3. Sunday, May 31, will be the next BAC breakfast meeting starting at 8:30am in Memorial Hall.



4. The Free Community Breakfast continues every Monday (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10am -- please join us for a hearty breakfast.

5. **St. James, Fairmount has an Evensong service on the 5th Sunday of the month. The next one is this coming Sunday, the 31st of May at 4 pm -- followed by a potluck. All are welcome.**

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6. **SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026**

Christ Church is celebrating the **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the WWII Memorial Windows on Saturday, August 15, 2026.** Besides the rededication of the windows, we will also honour and pay tribute to WWII Fighter Pilot George (Geordie) Stevenson, the first Meaford resident to lose his life in that war in 1941 and who was a Christ Church parishioner. In honour of his life lost, we are dedicating one of the propellers from his aircraft, that was retrieved in Scotland and has been gifted to us. **Please read about this in a page following.**

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7. **Coffee & Fellowship Time** Thank you to those who have brought in treats for the after-worship fellowship time in recent weeks. Thank you, also to Francis for his washing up mugs afterwards – we do appreciate this.

**There is a new Coffee Time schedule up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you have a Sunday when you could help with some treats, that would be very much appreciated.**

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

For all other concerns, questions, or ministries, please contact the office [office@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca) or 519-538-1330.

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

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## 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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**An article from the Meaford Independent about the WWII propeller blade that has arrived at Christ Church from Scotland.** (article from our facebook page, cont'd below).

**SAVE THE DATE: Join us on Saturday, August 15 as we dedicate our WWII Windows and include Sgt. Stevenson's propeller in the memorial, marking the 80th anniversary of the original dedication of the memorial at Christ Church.**



**The following, submitted by Cameron Halfpenny, Chair, Leadhills Reading Society, Leadhills Miners' Library, Scotland.**

An air force pilot from Meaford, whose fighter plane crashed in Scotland during WW2, was honoured in the town this week. A propeller blade rescued from Sgt George Stevenson's Hawker Hurricane was gifted by Leadhills Miners' Library in Scotland to his family in Ontario, to join a war memorial in the Meaford church he left to go to war in Europe. Sgt Stevenson – known as Geordie – joined the RCAF in 1940. It was during a training flight in his native Scotland in July 1941 that he crashed near the village of Leadhills in poor weather and died aged 26. One of the plane's three propeller blades was salvaged from the crash site, and since then has been looked

after by a local hotel, then the Earl of Hopetoun, and finally the oldest subscription library in Britain, the 18th century Leadhills Miners' Library.

Now the propeller blade's story begins a new chapter, as this week it has been gifted by the Miners' Library committee to Christ Church Anglican on Boucher Street East, where Sgt Stevenson was the first congregation member and local person to die in WW2.

The arrival of the artifact is the latest instalment of Meaford's Scottish connections. These include John Muir from Dunbar near Edinburgh, the founder of the USA's National Park system, who moved to Meaford from Wisconsin in the 1860s to avoid conscription into the American Civil War. Today it is the Canadian Army which has a local military presence with the Army Training Centre, established in the year following Geordie's death, then known as Camp Meaford or The Tank Range.

It was another RCAF veteran, Sgt Stevenson's nephew Andy Smart, who made the request last year to Leadhills Miners' Library to bring the propeller blade to Meaford. He describes the object's symbolic meaning for local people and his own family: "Viewing my uncle Geordie's actual prop blade shines the light for all of us to honour and never forget all our fallen heroes."

George Stevenson was born in Ayrshire in 1914 before his family emigrated to Ontario in 1928. He was Assistant Butter Maker at Meaford Creamery before joining the RCAF in 1940, becoming one of more than seven hundred wartime pilots from Canada who flew with the RAF. Three weeks after arriving in England in 1941 he left his base at RAF

Crosby-on-Eden east of Carlisle and flew north to Scotland's Southern Uplands. This featureless moorland landscape is difficult to navigate even in perfect weather, but in low cloud and mist it can be treacherous. This was how Stevenson encountered it that evening, and he crashed into the slopes of Lowther Hill just below its 2380 ft. summit. The 5 foot tall propeller blade is to be displayed alongside Christ Church Anglican's existing artifacts, notably its WW2 Memorial Windows. These were created from fragments of stained glass recovered from English and European churches bombed during WW2. They accompany the English scorched church pew bearing fallen WW2 congregation members' names, and a wartime letter to Sgt Stevenson's sister from Meaford's mayor honouring his sacrifice for Canada.

Christ Church Anglican's minister, the Rev. Brendon Bedford, offers this view of the propeller blade's presence in the church's memorial: "This is a homecoming, of sorts, for Sgt George Stevenson. While he is buried in Cumberland, England, George's church in Meaford is so pleased to be able to welcome him home, in a way, by hosting this propeller blade as a tangible memorial to his life and service. Christ Church is honoured to include this propeller blade as part of our WWII Memorial, which was dedicated 80 years ago this August in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice made by George and five other members of our church."

In the decades after Sgt Stevenson's crash, the propeller blade remained in Leadhills at Scotland's highest residential hotel, The Hopetoun Arms, where guests used it as an umbrella stand. The local land owner, the Earl of Hopetoun, then adopted it, ultimately gifting the blade to Leadhills Miners' Library, where it has been on public display for more than 25 years. The library's catalogue entry describes it as: "Umbrella stand made from ½ propeller blade". During the process of transferring the blade to Canada, one of the library's trustees – an RAF veteran – suggested that, "umbrella stand" or not, the blade was likely to still be the property of the RAF, not the library. So the approval of the Battle of Britain Trust was sought and received, and the blade's epic story was able to carry on.

Just as Father Bedford's words reflect losses suffered and new beginnings made, Scotland's present Earl of Hopetoun, Andrew Hope – also a Miners' Library trustee – feels similarly honoured to have helped the blade's journey to continue.

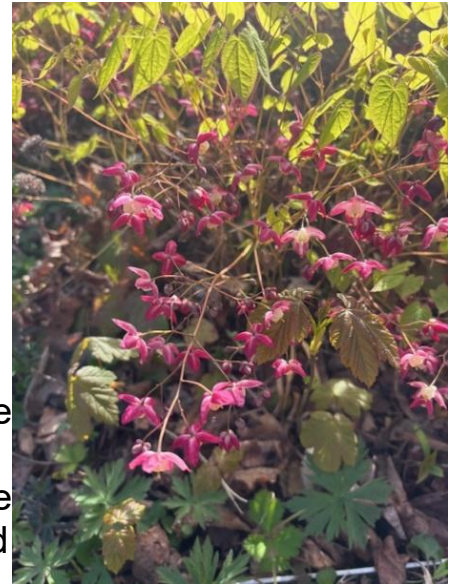
"I'm delighted that the Hurricane propeller blade will become a memorial to Sgt Stevenson in his hometown, at his nephew's request. My family gifted it to the library over 25 years ago and it is more than fitting it should continue its journey to Canada, where it will allow the family and friends of a brave young man to remember him."

George Stevenson's tragedy on Scotland's unforgiving hills 85 years ago was a lonesome shock that struck in an instant. However, remembering the event over many decades – on both sides of the Atlantic – has woven many more people into Geordie's story today. From the ties they have made over looking after a single piece of wreckage from a plane crash that happened nearly a century ago, there has emerged a collective spirit of cooperation that eclipses the personal tragedy of long ago. In these uncertain times when every nation is asking who its friends are, this symbol of sacrifice and the community gestures of compassion and respect it invokes displays unity and comradeship between our two countries.

## What's Blooming at Christ Church, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Epimedium x rubrum Red Epimedium, Barrenwort, or Bishop's Hat is blooming in the labyrinth to the right of the main walkway.

Epimedium is a hardy perennial which grows from underground stems (rhizomes) forming clumps. It grows 8-12 inches tall and is most often grown as a ground cover in shaded or partial shaded areas. It is an excellent choice for use in a woodland garden. The red of the flowers is actually the sepals and the flower petals are a pale yellow. The flowers appear above the foliage in the spring which is light green, compound pointed, heart-shaped leaflets approximately 3 inches long. The stems are thin and wiry supporting the attractive foliage mounds. In spring the leaves emerge with a red tinge and mature to the light green and turn reddish in the fall.



Epimedium is Greek, without a defined meaning, named by Dioscorides, who for almost two thousand years was regarded as the most prominent writer and authority on plants and plant drugs. Epimedium, also known as Horny Goat Weed, has been known in the Orient for Centuries for its ability to support physiological health and many other effects on the body. Epimedium grandiflorum, which is not of noted horticultural significance is the variety which has uses as a dietary supplement. Epimedium x rubrum, the variety growing in the Labyrinth does not have any noted medicinal uses.



**Plants of the Bible:** Mountain Tulip – *Tulipa montana*;  
“All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field... The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.” - Isaiah 40: 6, 8.

- John Howard NPD.

Some photos from our first “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” event, May 23, 2026

Thank you to all those who participated in some way, by attending as a guest, by hosting, and/or by donating or by supporting through “word of mouth”.

A special “thank you” to the hosts who made this a very special dinner and event by allowing Christ Church to reach both inside and outside the doors with a warm welcome to surprise guests, great nourishment in food and beverage and conversation enjoyed.

Funds received to date: \$643.75.

