



Eblast for September 23, 2026

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



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

– September 27, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presider: The Ven. Canon Judy Walton

The readings are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. This Sunday’s worship service (September 27) is followed by **Coffee Break**, sponsored by the Alzheimer Society of Grey Bruce. Join us for some treats and information on Alzheimer’s after the service. **Make a difference one cup at a time!**



2. **Midweek Prayer (said) service** and **Wednesday’s Bible reading session** are occurring today, September 23rd.



3. **Choir Practice** is every Thursday, at 2:30pm. *Come and make a joyful noise!*

4. **The Free Community Breakfast has resumed and will be offered every Monday from 8:30 to 10am. Join us for a hearty breakfast. It's free; however donations are gratefully accepted if you're able.**



5. It's that time again! **The Country Kitchen & Craft Sale is Saturday, October 17 from 9am to 1pm** here at Christ Church (Parish Hall). If you have an item or two to donate for the sale, please speak to Canon Kevin. Jams, jellies, preserves, crafts, pies, GF baking, & more are all appreciated. Please spread the word. We have preserving jars if you need some. See poster following.

6. **Church calendars for 2027 are now available. If you would like one, please call Chris in the office or send an email to office@christchurchanglican.ca with your name and the quantity you would like. They are \$8 each, recovering the cost to the church.**

7. A funeral for Carl Adams is this Friday, September 25th at 1pm here at Christ Church. It will be followed by a reception at the Meaford & St. Vincent Community Centre. Please keep Mary and family in your prayers.

8. **World Food Day Concert** is Sunday, October 25, at 2pm at Knox Presbyterian Church. See posters on bulletin boards.

9. **PASTORAL CARE:** For urgent care, please contact the Ven. Canon Judy Walton at revjudy@rogers.com or 705-444-0233 or 705-607-0870 (cell).

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.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scarecrow Invasion: September 9th through October 18th. Parade is October 2.
Info: <https://www.scarecrowinvasion.ca/>.

The Apple Pie Contest is here at Christ Church (Memorial Hall) on October 2 from 11am to 4pm.



Make Your Coffee Count!



Join us!

Make a difference, one cup at a time!

When: Sun Sept 27

Where: Christ Church

All funds raised stay in Grey-Bruce and help support more than 1,100 local families living with dementia. Your donation will help provide the resources and services that are critical in navigating this journey.

In support of the

Alzheimer Society

GREY - BRUCE

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Country Kitchen & Craft Sale

Sat. Oct. 17, 2026.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

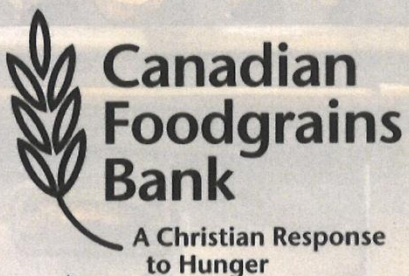
Christ Church Anglican
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We are planning
to have:

Soups
Bread
Bake Table
GF Baking
Pies
Chili Sauce
Pickles
Jams / preserves
Crafts
& perhaps a
few more things

No admission charge
Family friendly



On the same day join us downstairs in
the Memorial Hall from 11:00 a.m. to
12:30 p.m. for a lunch in support of
the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

A partner organisation of the
Anglican Church of Canada.



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What's Blooming at Christ Church, Meaford, September 23rd, 2026.



I have been asked by a number of people lately why certain trees, especially Maples have been dropping their leaves so early this year. Well, According to the International Society of Arboriculture, Ontario Chapter, of which I was a member for many years, this summer there has been an increase in shrivelled, dried and browned leaves on many Norway maples (*Acer platanoides*). Arborists throughout the province have observed this same landscape-wide trend. A very wet spring, combined with some heat spikes this summer has been the perfect recipe to increase the prevalence and impact of fungal pathogens that impact Norway maples in particular, both anthracnose and tar spot (*Rhytisma acerinum*). Tar spot is a fungal disease. A large variety of plants have their own tar spot diseases such as maple, willow, holly, tulip tree, oak, and even

goldenrod. The disease looks similar on these plants. It has a thickened black layer on the upper side of the leaf blades. The size of the circular or elliptical spots can range up to several cm across, depending on the host species and pathogen species. While these fungal pathogens are usually only an aesthetic nuisance, the climate this year was enough to create the perfect conditions for them to proliferate, impacting trees to the point they are losing their leaves prematurely. Typically this causes no long-term harm to the tree, and the trees will produce leaves again next spring. Norway Maple was often the most common street tree planted in these areas. This was partly because it was extensively planted after countless American Elm trees, (*Ulmus americana*) planted as shade trees on many urban streets, were lost to Dutch elm disease in the mid-1900s. Unfortunately replacing one species with another and creating yet another mono-culture was a mistake on the part of municipal arborists. If the Maple tree in your yard is affected, consider removing your fallen leaves to an off-site compost pile to reduce local prevalence of tar spot fungal bodies.

Lobelia (*Lobelia erinus*) is grown as an annual in this area, but is actually a tender perennial in warmer climates. Lobelia is a popular choice for gardeners due to its variety of uses. Known for its beautiful sky-blue flowers, Lobelia also comes in shades of purple, white, pink, red and lilac, often having a tiny white "eye" in the centre of each bloom. Most often Lobelia is grown for its trailing habit for use in hanging baskets and planters, however there are more upright varieties which can be used in group plantings or as a border in a garden. During summer and into fall, Lobelia produces numerous small flowers that attract pollinators like butterflies and hummingbirds. Despite its compact, delicate appearance, Lobelia does not require a lot of maintenance. Because it self-cleans its small flowers when spent, it does not require dead-heading to encourage additional new blooms. Lobelia usually prefers more sun than shade, it can, however, tend to brown off if subjected to full sun during very hot summers. The plants can usually be revived by cutting back to live growth and then water regularly.



Submitted by John Howard, NPD

(This was intended for last week and got missed by the publisher!. Hoping you enjoy it this week!)