



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN, MEAFORD
Eblast for May 4th, 2020

FIRSTLY, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Your church family is here for you and if you need anything, especially if you are not feeling well or are low on groceries, please let us know by calling the office at **519-538-1330**, emailing the office at office@christchurchanglican.ca, or by calling Cathy at **519-270-1485**.

Here is Bishop Todd's video message/homily for the week of Easter 4.

<https://diohuron.org/bishop-todds-weekly-video-message-the-fourth-week-of-easter/>

LABYRINTH MEDITATIONS....

The Labyrinth committee would like to offer meditations on cards to those who visit our labyrinth. They will change from time to time, and we need your submissions. If you have a favourite meditation, reflection or prayer, then call **519-538-1330**, drop one off in our drop box at the Parish Hall entrance, or email it to Viv at vivbaker@rogers.com with your treasures. Please remember to practise physical distancing when walking the labyrinth. *The Labyrinth Committee.*



CATHY AND VIV'S TEMPORARY NEW HOURS

Cathy's new working hours will be from Sunday to Thursday and Viv will be working on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday to accommodate this schedule. Thanks.



WOULD YOU LIKE MAKE A VIDEO MESSAGE...

If you have some thoughts, reflections, or just something to say, and would like to share it online with others, we will help you make a short 2-4 minute video. Nathan will record the message in our chapel, and it will be put on our Facebook page and be added to our website.



GARDEN OF THE WEEK....

This is where you can share with us, pictures of your garden, flowers or plants and share them with us. We could all use a little natural beauty right about now! Send your photos to office@christchurchanglican.ca or leave them in the church drop box outside the Parish Hall door and we will be able to scan them and show them to others. Happy gardening!

Willy Watchurst enjoying his daffodils!

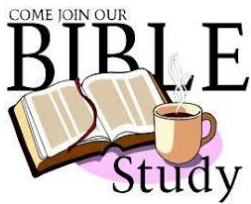
COMMUNITY FROZEN MEALS

We will be offering a limited number of frozen meals for delivery as our way of supporting each other, and the greater community, during this difficult time. Unfortunately, we will no longer offer a pick-up service at the church - ONLY a delivery service. Our next delivery of frozen meals will be on **Friday, May 15th between 4 and 5pm**. If you would like to have a meal delivered to you, please call the church office and leave your name, address and number of meals required in your message, **no later than 10:00am on Monday, May 11th**.



COME TO CHURCH ON THE INTERNET!

Join us, if you can, in the safety of your own home for an online, interactive church service, a liturgy of the Word. To sign up for a service this **Sunday, May 3rd at 10:30 am**, please email the church office at office@christchurchanglican.ca, or call 519-539-1330. To help us organize the services, *please sign up ASAP!*



WEDNESDAYS at 12:00 noon.

The Bible study group is going digital! The group will meet online every Wednesday with Rev'd Cathy leading the study session. We will use the video conferencing tool in Google Meet. To sign up for Bible study, send David an email (davidgpenhale@gmail.com), and he will help you connect with the group.

COMFORT CORNER This section is for comforting and supportive, positive messages that will help us keep calm and connected! If you have a verse, poem or thought you'd like to share, please send it to Viv at vivbaker@rogers.com for submission in the eblast.

A supportive poem from Louis Bernard...

*I've traveled down the road of life,
Enjoyed its pleasures and weathered its strife.
I dearly pray that I have not squandered
All those miles so hastily wandered.
For I cannot erase one ill-used time
Nor change its waste to righteous prime.
I must journey on, around each new bend,
Until I have reached my destiny's end,
Where only you, dear Lord, can tell
If I have done my traveling well.*



A remembrance from Win Shaw...

Some few years ago, Archdeacon Ted Light was assisting in our parish, and an Ecumenical service was called to pray for peace, at the United Church. All church congregations were asked to attend. Our Anglican people were there, and during the service, persons were asked to pray whenever they felt called to do so. It was a very moving and comforting service. Just before it ended, Archdeacon Light stood up and quoted from St Paul's Epistle to the Romans, the following passage...

"For I am persuaded that neither death or life, nor angels or principalities, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, no height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Everyone stood and clapped hands as we left. I have remembered that during this time of the pandemic.

THE LAST LAUGH...

THE COVID IS RAGING...

My life is a mess
I live in pyjamas
And don't have to dress
I'm in isolation
Just staying at home
And would give my last dollar
To be free to roam
I'm seriously at risk
(or that's what they say)
Telling me to stay in
And not go out each day
In my head I'm so young
Though my licence reveals
I'm a 70-plus senior
(but that's not how it feels!)
When I run out of food
And deliveries are late
I have to buy groceries
Between 7 and 8
So early in the morning
I head out to restock
And discover a line up
That winds 'round the block
Social distancing seniors
All 6 feet apart
Make me wonder just when
I became an old fart
My meals are repetitive
(a lot like my gas!)
And I'm tired of discussing
Why Trump is an ass
My latest new outfit
Is gloves and a mask
And I'm starting to wonder
If I'm up to this task
I wash all my groceries
All fruit, meat and veg.....
Will this additional precaution
Tip me over the edge?

My beautiful brown hair
Has wide roots of grey
No hairdressers around
To help wash them away
I've been talking to myself
Now I'm answering back
Is it Monday or Friday?
I've really lost track
I've stopped doing housework
Its weeks since I've dusted
And I know without visitors
I'll never get busted
I facetime my friends
Or we group chat on Zoom
And try to pretend
We're all in the same room
Thank God liquor stores
Are considered 'essential'
Without daily drinks
This would drive us all mental
Every once in a while
It is good to reflect
On what this all means
And what we can expect
It's a time to be grateful
For all that we've got
Like a warm house and food
That others have not
The bottom line here
By the time this all ends
Is that we'll get through it
With our family and friends
So even if your partner
Is a bit of a grump
You can really be grateful
You're not married to Trump!

