



## Christ Church Anglican Eblast for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**COME TO CHURCH ONLINE!** Join us, in the safety of your own home for an online, interactive church service, a liturgy of the Word and stay online for fellowship and friendly discussion following the worship service. To sign up for the service this Sunday, August 16th at 10:30am, please email the church office at [office@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca), or by calling 519-539-1330.

Our interactive services and You Tube videos, will continue lead by our lay readers Francis Richardson and John Howard, until an interim priest is in place.

### **Church Gets Plastered!**

The repairs to the interior walls of the nave and the exterior stone on the river side of the church are underway. McLean Masonry, a company that specializes in the restoration of historical buildings, will be on site for several weeks. They will tackle the repairs to the interior first, removing the deteriorated plaster around the stained glass windows on the river side of the church and refinishing those areas with fresh plaster. On the river side of the exterior, they will fill the joints between the stones with a limestone mix that matches the original mortar. As their work progresses, they will also replace the worn out window coverings on the river side of the church with new coverings that are transparent, ventilated and removable for easy access to the stained glass.

With God's help, our beautiful church will continue to serve our community well for many years to come!

### **“Our doors are closed but our mission goes on.”**

So reads our electronic sign. And it's true. Despite the pandemic, we conduct our online services. We reach out to the isolated and lonely. Our meal program has expanded to meet a growing need. We now have two teams working to prepare, freeze and deliver the meals that are such an important part of our outreach. Our beautiful, historic church needs constant attention, and McLean Masonry is on site, working to restore our exterior masonry and interior plaster. How is all this supported? Your givings make everything we do possible. If you have recently switched your method of donation to PAD (Pre-authorized donation), thank you! A steady, predictable cash flow is a great help in these new and difficult circumstances. If you would like to know more about PAD, please contact Francis Richardson, our treasurer. He will be happy to explain how it works. Walking together in faith, we make a difference.

## The Stewardship Committee

### Church Administration

With the retirement of our former Parish Administrator Viv Baker the Wardens have been arranging for an interim office administrator, who will commence working in September. Office administration for the month of August will temporarily be covered by Truda Howard and Francis Richardson. Truda will prepare the weekly bulletins and Eblasts and Francis will monitor the telephones and any mail.

PARISH SEARCH COMMITTEE To date the committee has had no direct response from the Diocese on the status of potential candidates to interview to be our next Incumbent. However, Archdeacon Graham Bland is looking for an interim priest, to lead our worship until our next priest is in place.

### **Pastoral Coverage for Christ Church**

Good News!! – Archdeacon Graham Bland has arranged for priestly pastoral care for Christ Church for the remainder of 2020. Incumbents from our surrounding parishes have stepped up to look after us for services, funerals and visitations requiring a priest. Our Lay Readers & Wardens will continue doing all they can and have been doing up until now. Coverage will be –  
August (remaining) – Archdeacon Graham Bland  
September – Grayhame Bowcott (St. George's, Clarksburg)  
October – Jeff Kischak (Christ Church, Markdale)  
November – Regional Dean Carrie Irwin (Saugeen Shores)  
December – Archdeacon Graham Bland  
Archdeacon Graham & Bishop Todd will continue to look for an Interim who can be with us full time until they find an Incumbent for Christ Church. Be aware that there are 17 vacancies in the Diocese of Huron so the latter may take some time. In the meantime, we will be well looked after. We thank the archdeacon and all the incumbents for their willingness to go "the extra mile".  
Please continue to leave messages at the church (519-538-1330) for any questions/requirements. The voice mail is monitored. Also, please continue to join our virtual services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 and/or watch our videotaped service on the church website -  
<https://christchurchanglican.ca/sermons/>

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**“If I send my prayer as a text message,  
will I get a faster reply?”**

A woman went to a chiropractor recently. She didn't think the chiropractor would improve her posture. But she stands corrected.

A fellow took his new girlfriend out on their first date to the ice rink, and entry was half price. She called him a cheap skate.